

GUN BLAZE WEST

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I visited America. It is a vast, vast land. I saw only a tiny part of it, but the image that impressed me most was that of the cacti of the Arizona desert. Though they stood tall and mighty like giants, they appeared almost comical. They had a mysterious aura of strength and gentleness. Ah, how I wish I were like them. My goal is to be a "cactus man"!

—NOBUHIRO WATSUKI, 2001

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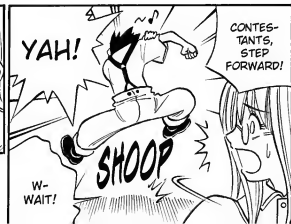
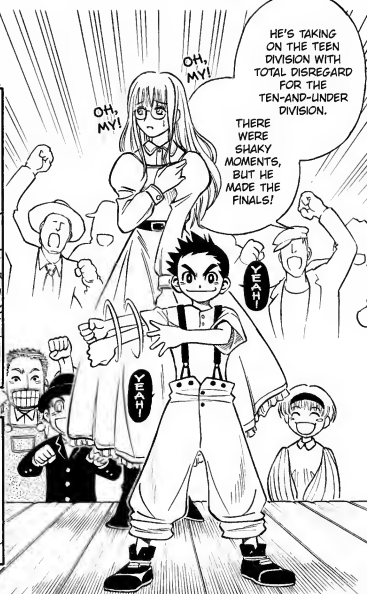
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CHAPTER 1:
ENTER VIU BANNES



THAT'S
WHAT VIU
IS AFTER.

FIRST
PRIZE IS
A GUN
BELT.

SEE
THAT?

FIRST PRIZE

YEAH!

READY.

G-R-I-P!

WELL,
THE WINNER
SEEMS
OBSVIOUS,
BUT YOU
NEVER
KNOW!

YEE HAW!

YAY!

GRRR...

IT'LL
BE OVER
IN A
SECOND.

PIECE
OF
CAKE.

YOU HAVE
NO IDEA
OF MY
STRENGTH,
DO YOU?!

YOU!



1875

ILLINOIS, U.S.A.

WINSTON TOWN ON
THE DIVIDE BETWEEN
EAST AND WEST

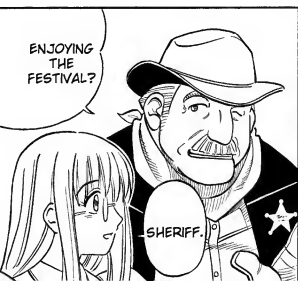
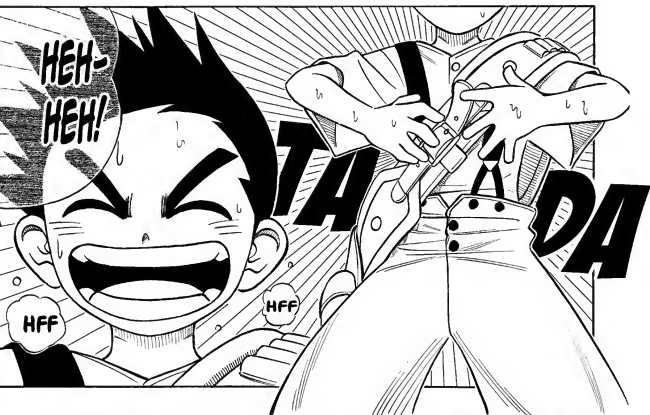
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ONE HOUR PASSES...

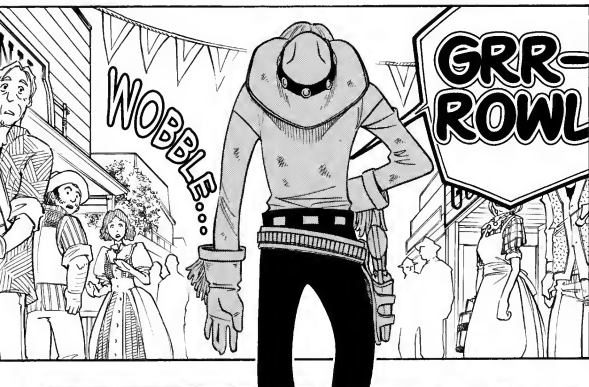
WE
HAVE A
WINNER!

VIL
BANNES
WINS!

SLAM!







...A GUN-
SLINGER
AND GO
WEST!

I'M
GOING TO
BECOME...

WHO ARE
YOU,
STRANGER?!

HEY YOU!

A
GUN-
SLINGER
?

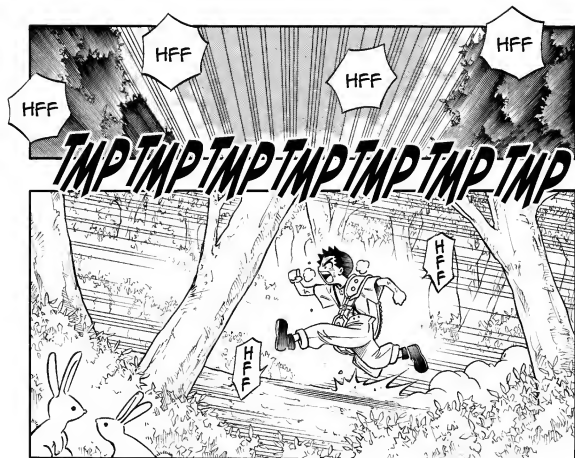


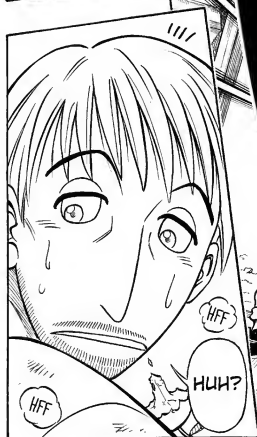
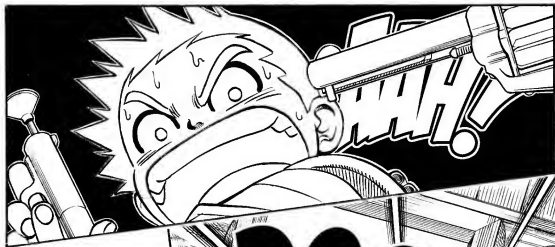
AH!
VIL!

YEAH,
DEFI-
NITELY.

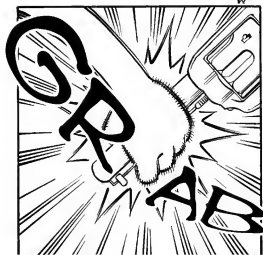
I THINK
HE'S GOT
THE MAKINGS
OF A SHERIFF.







DOOM

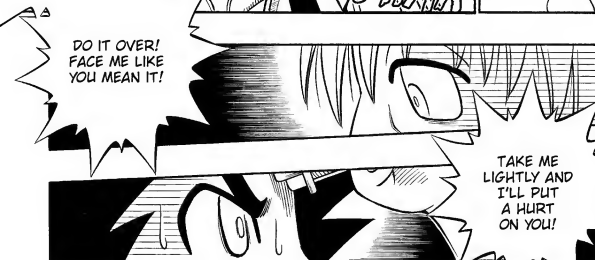




CHILD,
KID,
I'M STILL
THE GUY
WHO'S
AFTER
YOU!



HEY,
THAT'S
DANGER-
OUS.



DO IT OVER!
FACE ME LIKE
YOU MEAN IT!

TAKE ME
LIGHTLY AND
I'LL PUT
A HURT
ON YOU!



WHEN
A CHILD
TELLS
ME THAT,
THEN
THERE'S
NO HOPE.

SLIP

OH,
GOOD
GRIEF.

BOY,
HAVE
I EVER
HIT ROCK
BOTTOM.



SIGH

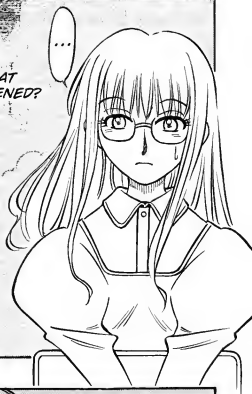




YESTERDAY,
THREE COACHES
WERE HIT ONE AFTER
ANOTHER OVER
BEYOND THE WEST
ROAD. FIVE GUARDS
WERE KILLED.

A STAGECOACH
ROBBERY.

WHAT
HAPPENED?



I DON'T THINK THEY'LL
ATTACK THIS TOWN,
WHICH HAS NO BANK
OR RAILROAD STATION,
BUT BE VERY WARY OF
STRANGERS.



THEY SAY THE CULPRIT
HAD AN ARKANSAS
ACCENT, SO IT SEEMS
LIKE THE WORK
OF A DRIFTER
FROM THE WEST.

I'M
BACK.

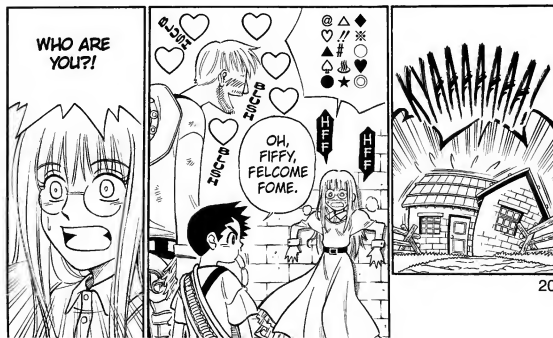
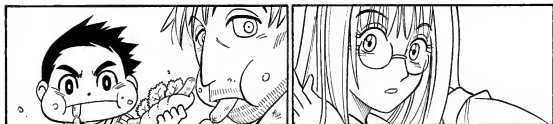
SIGH



I
WONDER IF
VIL'S HOME
LIKE HE
SHOULD
BE...

...HE
DISAP-
PEARED
TOWARDS
THE END
OF THE
FESTIVAL.











THEN NEXT
TIME,
WE'LL MEET
IN THE WEST!

IF YOU'RE
STILL
CAUSING
TROUBLE,
I'M NOT
LETTING
YOU OFF
NEXT TIME!



ARE YOU
GOING
BACK
WEST?

I
DID.

DID YOU
COME
FROM
THE
WEST?

YEAH
...



HUH?

YOU DON'T
TRUST ME,
DO YOU?
OKAY, LET'S GO
TOGETHER.

WANT
TO SEE ME
OUT OF
TOWN?

LIKE I
SAID,
NEXT
TIME ...

HUH?



...
MINUTE!

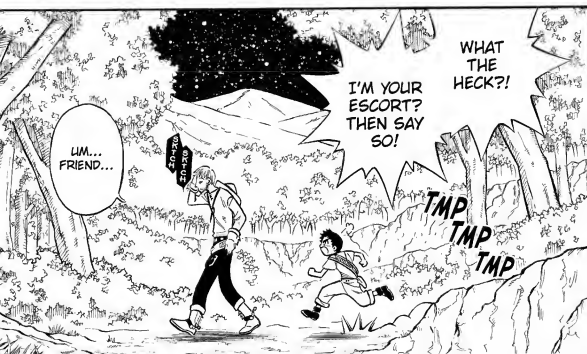
SLAM

JUST
A...



TAKE
CARE.

OKAY
THEN,
MISS
CISSY...

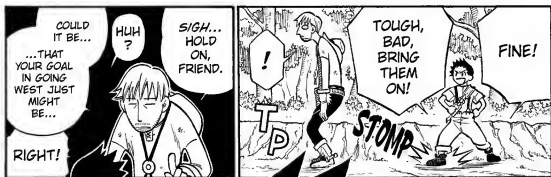
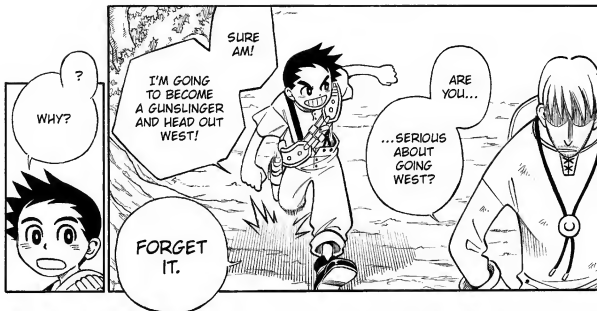


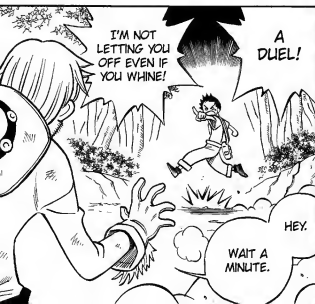
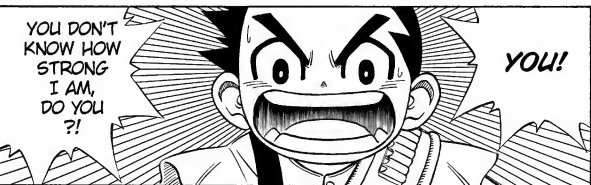
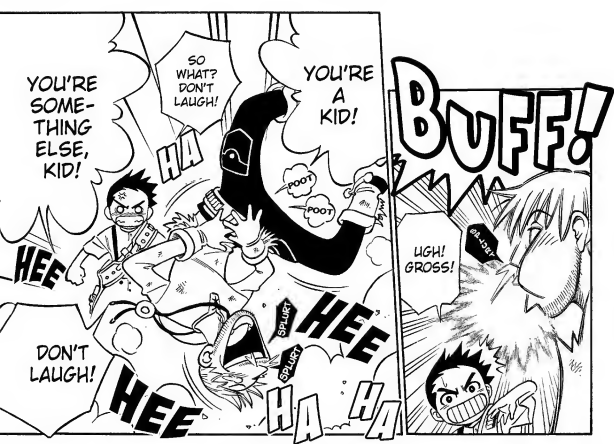
UM...
FRIEND...

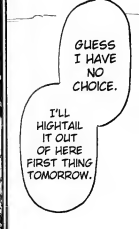
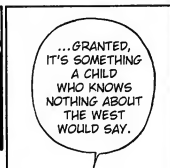
I'M YOUR
ESCORT?
THEN SAY
SO!

WHAT
THE
HECK?!

TMP
TMP
TMP





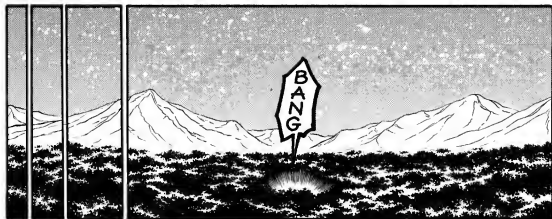
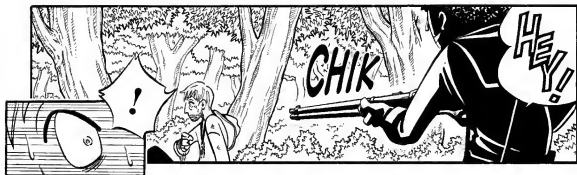


...TO REACH
"GUN BLAZE
WEST."

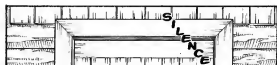


ONLY MEN
WHO CAN KEEP
ON SAYING THAT
CAN MAKE IT
THROUGH
THE WEST...







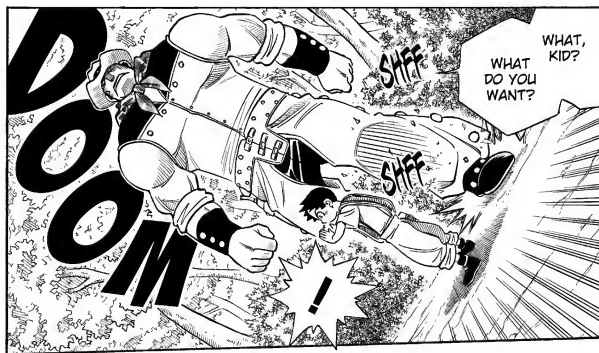


WAKE UP!
COME ON!

ARE YOU
ASLEEP?
HEY!



I'M
HERE,
MARCUS!
LET'S
DUEL!



WHAT,
KID?
WHAT
DO YOU
WANT?



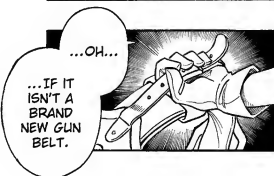
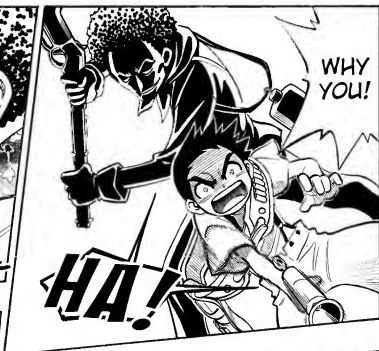
THE GUY'S
PROBABLY DEAD.
IT WAS DARK,
SO I COULDN'T
SEE WELL, BUT
I SHOT HIM
FULL OF
BULLETS.



MAR...?
OH, YOU
MEAN THAT
SCRUFFY
GUY?

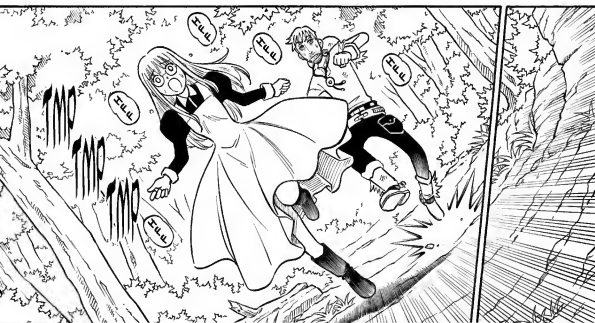


WOW,
YOU'RE
HUGE.
ARE YOU
MARCUS'S
FRIEND?





*VANGUARD: SOLDIERS SENT FROM THE MAIN UNIT TO SECRETLY STUDY ENEMY TERRITORY.



...MUST MEAN
THEY HAVE
SOMETHING
TO DO
WITH THE
"OUTLAW
ROUNDUPS."

THEIR
ARKANSAS
ACCENTS...

...ARE
PROBABLY THE
STAGECOACH
ROBBERS
THE SHERIFF
MENTIONED.

THOSE
GUYS WHO
SHOT ME
OUT OF
THE BLUE
LAST NIGHT...

HFF

HFF

HFF

TMP

TMP

TMP

HE'S APPREHENDING
EVERY SLIGHTLY
SUSPICIOUS
GUNSLINGER AND
VAGRANT, NOT
TO MENTION OUTLAW,
AND SENDING THEM
ONE AFTER ANOTHER
TO THE GALLOWS.

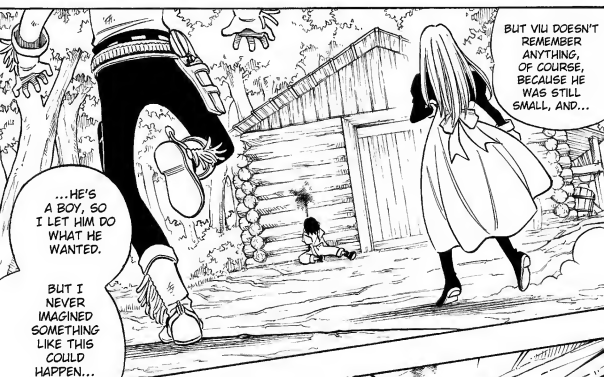
THEIR KIND HAVE
BEGUN SCATTERING
IN EVERY DIRECTION.
THAT'S HOW THOSE
GUYS GOT HERE.

A JUDGE FROM
A PLACE CALLED
FORT SMITH IS
LEADING A HUGE
OUTLAW
ROUNDUP IN
THE STATE OF
ARKANSAS.

DANG. COMING
THIS DISTANCE
AND STILL
MEETING UP
WITH MORE OF
THEIR KIND
MEANS...

...NO,
THIS IS
NO TIME
TO BE
THINKING
OF THAT.

ANYWAY, LET'S
HURRY!
AGAINST A
CHILD, EVEN
MEN LIKE
THEM
WOULDN'T...



SNAP

I'M
GOING
TO
KICK
THEIR
BUTTS!

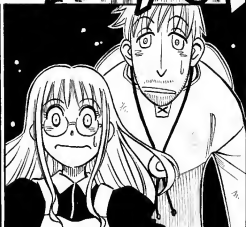
GOSH
DARN!

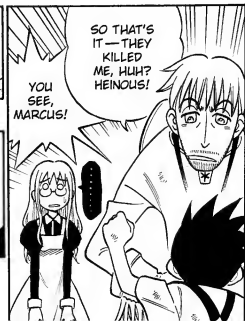
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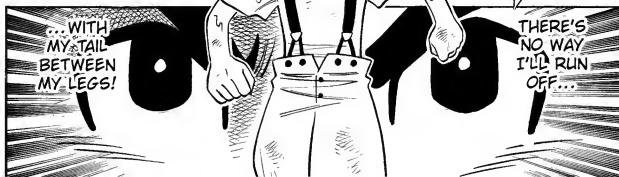
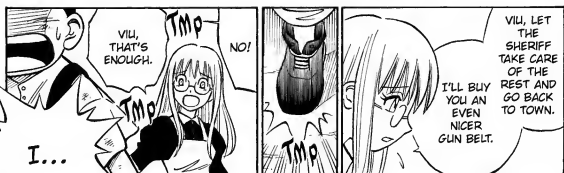
THEY'RE
GOING
TO
PAY!

THEY
STOLE
MY
BELT!

THEY
KILLED
MARCUS!







HOW
STRONG
AM I? HOW
STRONG CAN
I BECOME?

WANTING
TO FIND OUT
IS A MAN'S
BASIC
INSTINCT.

...I
UNDERSTAND
HOW YOU
FEEL...

...BUT
THIS IS
SOMETHING
YOU CAN'T
DO
ANYTHING
ABOUT.

PAT

THERE'S
REALLY
NOTHING
YOU CAN DO.

SOME FOOLS KEEP
ON WONDERING
UNTIL THEY'RE
OLD ENOUGH TO
GROW SCRUFFY
BEARDS.

UWAH!

NO... EVEN IF
I HELPED YOU,
THOSE TWO
WOULD BE TOO
MUCH FOR A
CHILD TO
HANDLE.

I OWE
THOSE
GUYS,
TOO.

JUST A
MINUTE,
FRIEND.

...LET
YOU
BORROW
MY LIFE.

THAT'S
WHY I'M
GOING
TO...

Tmp

YOU'RE
GOING
TO HELP
ME?



...
WISELY.

USE
IT...



...EASYGOING
TOWN.

WHAT
A
REALLY...



TA-DA!

HUH
?



STOMP



THE MORE
I LOOK AT IT,
THE MORE
I WANT TO
GO WILD.

I HOPE
BOSS AND
THE OTHERS
GET HERE
SOON.

...BACK!

GIVE MY
GUN
BELT...



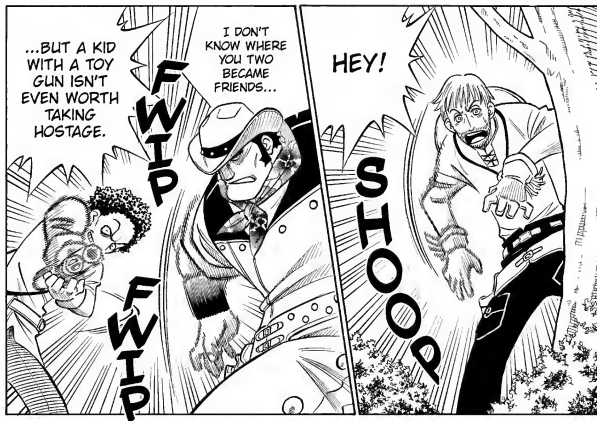
HMPH...
SO
THAT'S
IT.

SEEMS
SO.

HFF
HFF
HFF

HFF
HFF
HFF







AFTER
SHOOTING
ONE ROUND,
JUST RUN.

LISTEN,
BUDDY.

RUSH IN
AND BRING
THE FIGHT
TO THEM!

RARGH!

GLARE

DON'T
GET
CARRIED
AWAY!

WHAM

BAM

BLASTED
KID!

I
DON'T
NEED
MY
RIFLE.

A KID
OR TWO
AIN'T
NOTHING!

WHACK

THU

NK



...BUT
YOU'VE
STUCK
YOUR
NOSE IN
TOO FAR.

WHAP

I DON'T
KNOW WHERE
YOU'RE FROM,
GUN-
SLINGER...

...YOU HAD US
FOR A MOMENT
WHEN YOU USED
YOURSELF AS
A DECOY BY
MAKING US
THINK YOU WERE
THE KID...

LIKE
RAT
SAID...



NO MATTER
HOW GOOD
YOU ARE AT
RUNNING...

SLEED

...THERE'S
NO
ESCAPE.



...YOU
SHOULD'VE
JUST RUN
AWAY FROM
THE
BEGINNING!

IF YOU WERE
GOING TO RUN
AFTER NOT
EVEN ONE SHOT
FINDING
ITS MARK...

THUNK



...BUT THAT
WON'T
DEFEAT THE
KENBROWN
GANG.



HA
HA
HA
...THAT'S
FINE
WITH
ME.

THIS TIME
I HAVE NO
INTENTION
OF RUNNING.



WAS IT
TEN
YEARS
AGO...?

I HEADED
WAY OUT WEST
TO GET TO
"THE PLACE
I DREAMT OF."

BUT IN THE VERY
FIRST YEAR,
I LEARNED HOW
INCREDIBLY WEAK
I REALLY WAS.

AFTER THAT
I RAN FROM
EVERYTHING
WITH MY TAIL
BETWEEN
MY LEGS.



LAST NIGHT,
I HIGHTAILED
IT OUT OF
THERE, TOO.

...AND FROM
THE WEST
ITSELF...

FROM
STRONG
GUYS,
WEAK
GUYS, THE
OUTLAW
ROUNDUPS...



"UNDERDOG
MARCUS."

...CALLS ME
BY THE
NICKNAME...

THAT'S WHY
EVERYONE WHO
KNOWS ME...

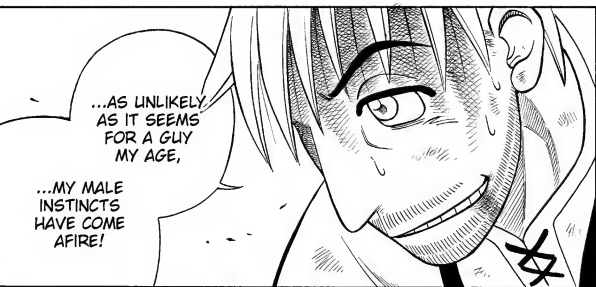


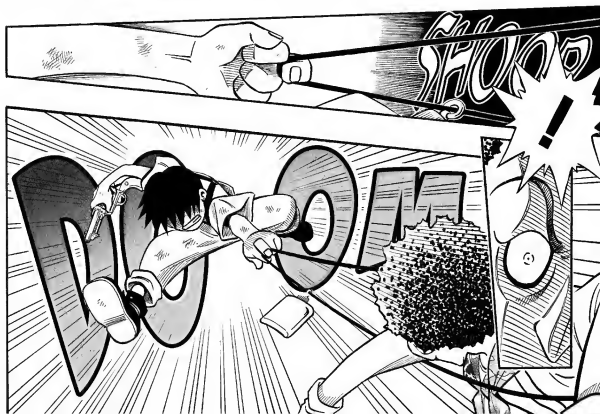
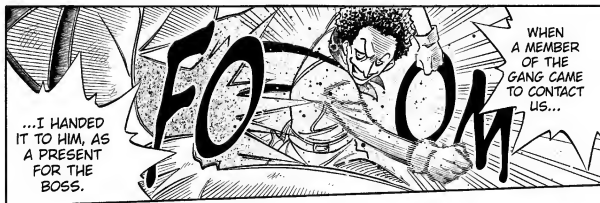
BUT...

...I'M GIVING
UP THAT
NAME AS
OF TODAY.

I
THINK
SO,
TOO.

IT
FITS
YOU.





CURSE
YOU!

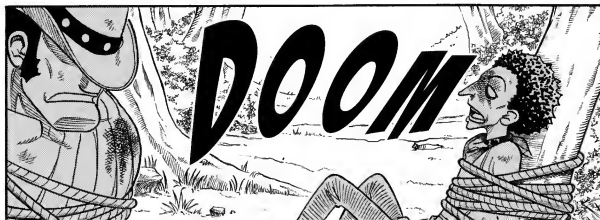
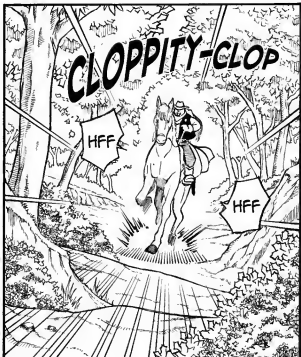
THUNK

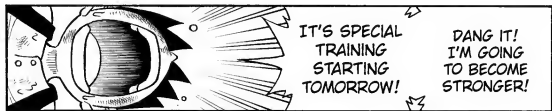
SEE

BRAT!
SEE

!







THE
PROMISED
LAND TALKED
ABOUT BY
BOTH
GUNSLINGERS
AND OUTLAWS
ALIKE FROM
LONG,
LONG AGO.

A PLACE
TO THE WEST
OUT BEYOND
THE WEST
SAID TO BE
THE CLOSEST
PLACE ON
THIS
CONTINENT
TO THE
SETTING
SUN.

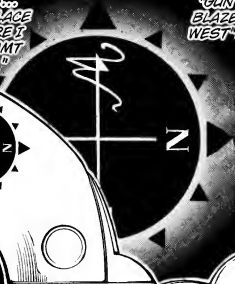
YOU'LL
BE FINE
WITH THAT
SPIRIT.

YOU'LL
BECOME
STRONG
ENOUGH
TO GO
WEST...

...AND
EVEN
BEYOND...
TO "GUN
BLAZE
WEST."

"YES...
THE PLACE
WHERE I
DREAMT
OF."

"GUN
BLAZE
WEST?"





IS
THAT
TRUE?!



...WHILE YOU'RE
TESTING YOUR
STRENGTH
IN THE WEST,
I'LL MAKE
MY WAY THERE
AND FIND OUT.

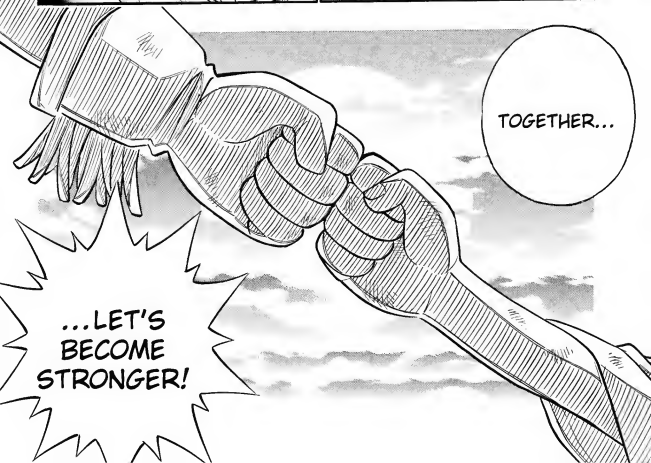
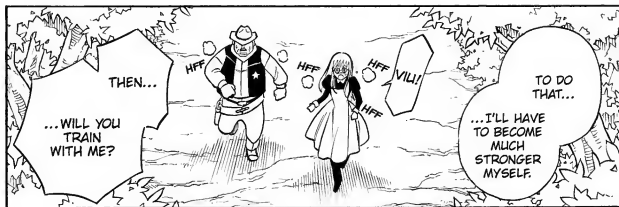
THAT'S
WHY,
FRIEND...

THIS TIME,
FOR SURE!

"GUNBLAZE WEST"

AND ONCE
EVERY
TEN YEARS,
THE STRONGEST
OF THEM ALL
IS BESTOWED
THE FINEST GUN
EVER MADE.
THE NAME
OF THE
PLACE IS...

ONLY
THOSE
WHO ARE
CONFIDENT
OF THEIR
ABILITIES ARE
ALLOWED
TO SET
FOOT
THERE.





AFTER WE
GET RID OF
THE PESKY
POSSE...

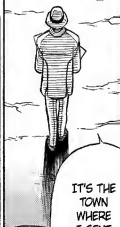
SO IT'S THE
IDEAL PLACE
FOR US TO
LAY LOW FOR
A WHILE.



...LET'S
STOP
THERE
AND
TAKE IT
EASY.



LET'S
DO
IT.



IT'S THE
TOWN
WHERE
I SENT
BEN AND
THE
OTHERS.

IT'S A
TOWN BY
THE FOREST.
IT'S FAR
AWAY FROM
THE BIG CITY
AND AWAY
FROM THE
MAIN ROAD...

WINSTON
TOWN?

KRKL
KRKL
KRKL

YES,
BOSS.

GUNBLAZE WEST



CHAPTER 2: THE TRAINING-BEGINS

...
WEST?

GUN
BLAZE
...

IT'S
LOCATED
OUT
BEYOND
THE
WEST...

...AND IT'S
WHERE
ONLY THE
STRONG
CAN GO.

YEAH.

MARCUS
TOLD ME
ABOUT IT.

IT MIGHT
BE ONLY
THIS SIZE
ON THE MAP,
BUT IT'S
ACTUALLY
MUCH
BIGGER!

WHACK!

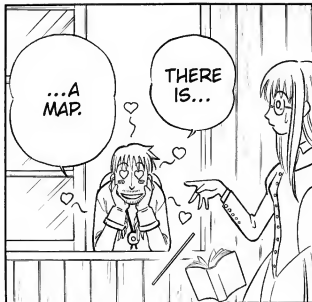
MISS CISSY,
I THINK VILU
DOESN'T
UNDERSTAND
BECAUSE
HE'S STUPID.

NOW,
VILU...

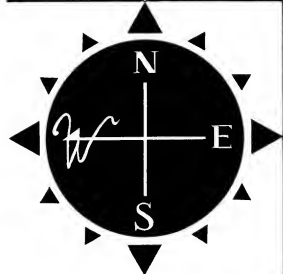
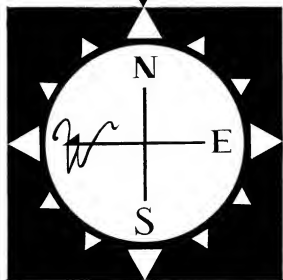
SIGH

YOU SAY
"BEYOND THE
WEST," BUT
AS YOU CAN
SEE...

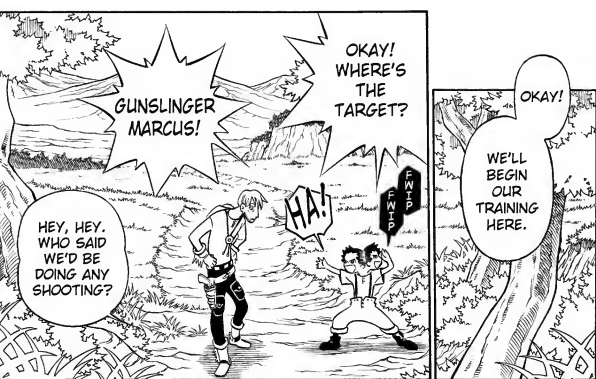
...THE
WESTERN
REGION
OF THE
AMERICAN
CONTINENT
IS THIS
BIG.

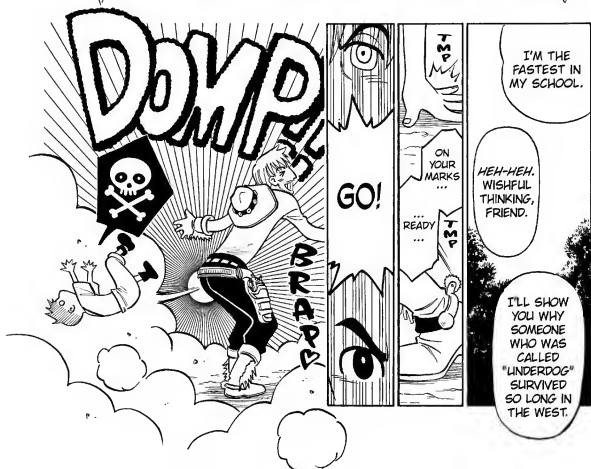
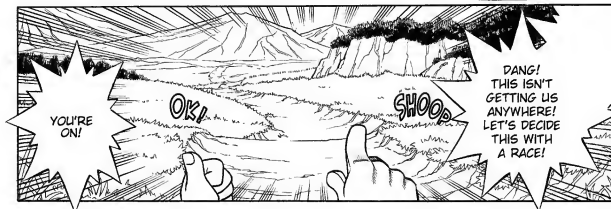
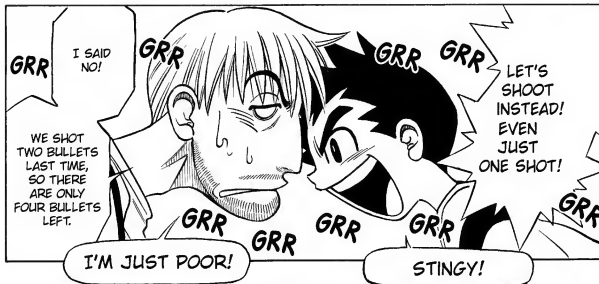


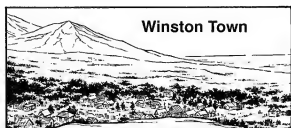




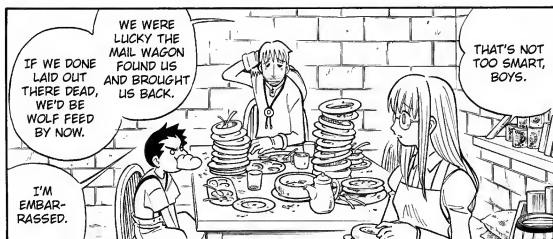
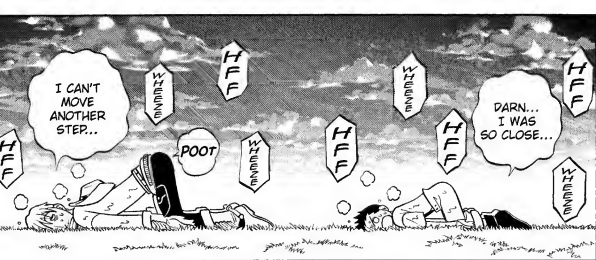
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THE TRAINING BEGINS***

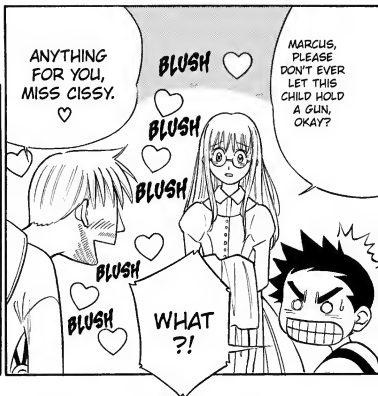


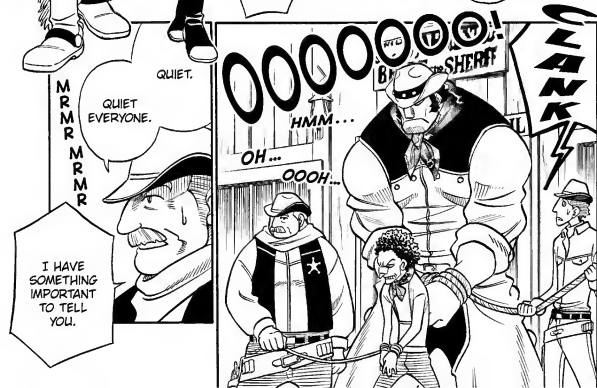


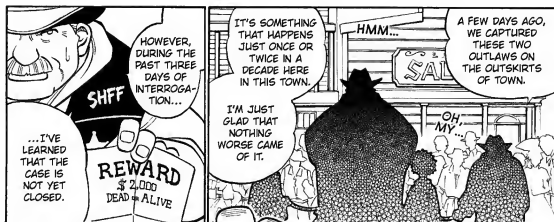


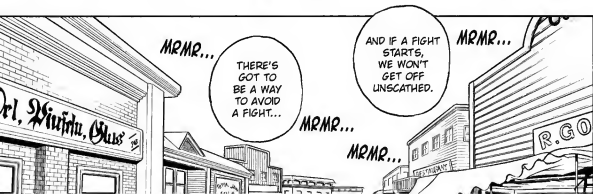
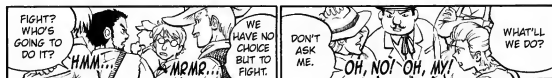
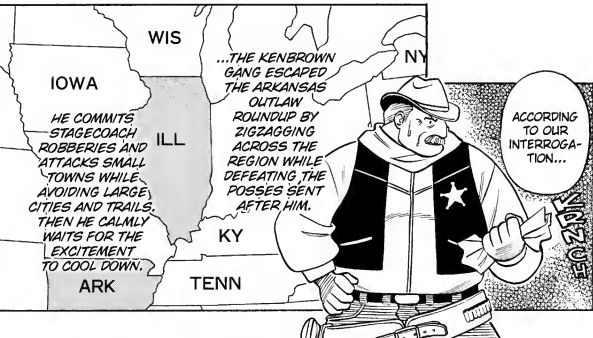


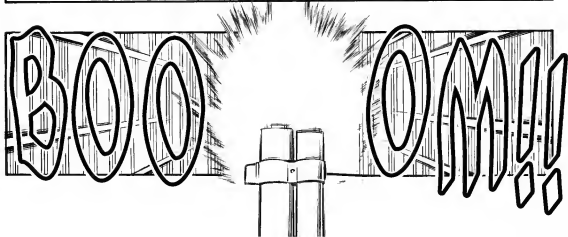
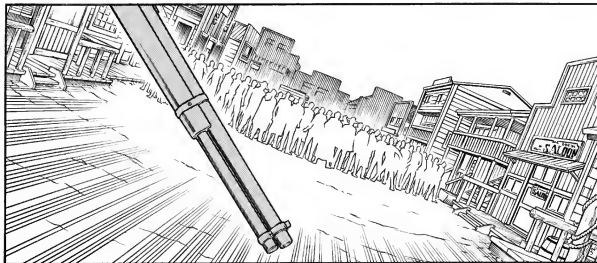












BANG BANG BANG



?!



**BANG BANG BANG
BANG BANG BANG**



I DON'T HEAR
ANYTHING
FROM YOU
TWO, SO I
COME TO
CHECK ON
YOU AND WHAT
DO I FIND...



HEY,
WHIT-
NEY!

BRO-
THER!



YOU
MUST BE
ONE OF
KEN-
BROWN'S
GANG!

...WHAT
A SORRY
LOT YOU
ARE!







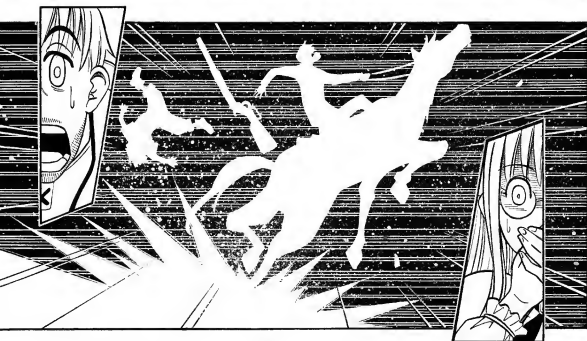
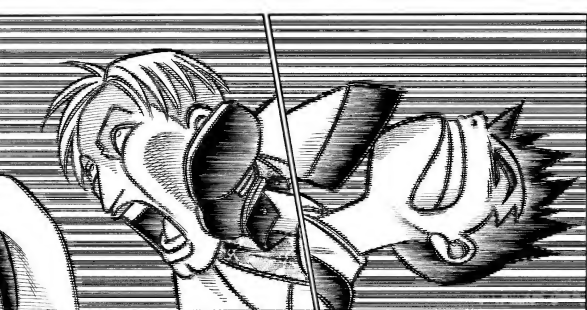


GIVE
MY GUN
BELT
BACK!!

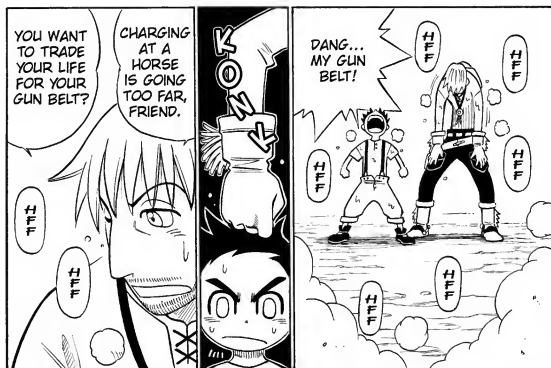
VIU!

?!









BUT ALL I HAVE IS THAT GUN BELT!

MARCUS HAS A GUN AND THE MAP!



TO VIU, A GUN AND GUN BELT ARE IMPORTANT ITEMS FOR GOING WEST.

EVEN IF HE BECOMES STRONG, WITHOUT THEM, HE'S...

NOW I SEE ...

HOW CAN I BE A MAN IF I JUST HANG AROUND AND DO NOTHING?

VIU!

I'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT SOME WAY TO GET A GUN.

FWIP

... SO?

AND THEN YOU CAME BACK WITHOUT YOUR WEAPONS?

...TOOK YOU FOR A RIDE?

SO THAT FILTHY GUN-SLINGER AND KID...

YOU GUYS ARE HORSEING AROUND?!

SO... WHILE I'M SWEATIN' BEING PURSUED BY AN ARKANSAS POSSE...



...I'LL
ADD YOU
TO MY
SOFA.

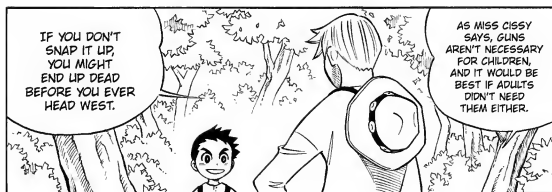
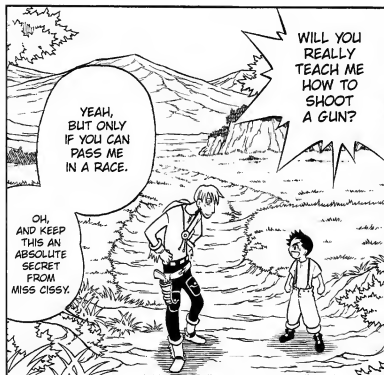
IF THIS
ISN'T THE
LAST TIME
THAT KIND
OF BULL
HAPPENS...



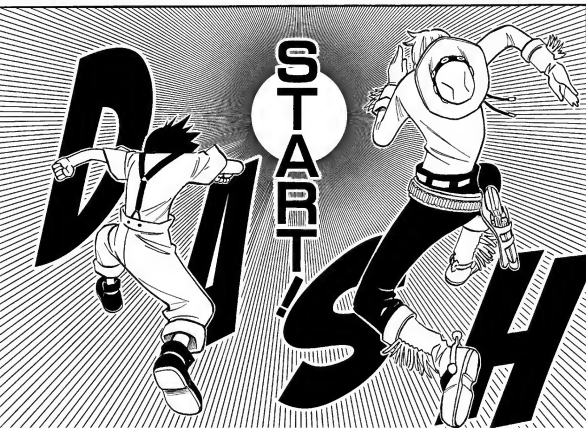
...WILL
BE
KILLED!

VIL
AND
MARCUS,
AND
ANYONE
WHO DEFILES
US...

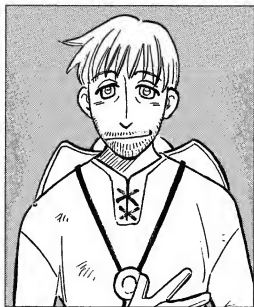
DOOM!



READ
THIS WAY



GUN BLAZE WEST

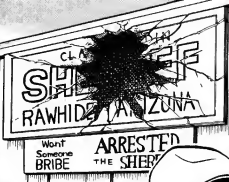




CHAPTER 3: **KENBROWN ATTACKS**

...GOING
TO ATTACK.

KENBROWN
IS...



UNTIL THEN,
WE'LL HAVE TO
PROTECT THE
TOWN OURSELVES
WITH OUR
VOLUNTEER FORCE.

I'VE ASKED
CHICAGO FOR
ASSISTANCE. IT'LL
BE ROUGHLY
A WEEK BEFORE
HELP ARRIVES.



...AT THIS
OLD CIVIL
WAR
CHECKPOINT.

THEREFORE,
WE WILL
WAIT FOR
THEM HERE...

SKETCH

...WE CAN
SURMISE
THAT THEY
WILL COME
VIA THE
WEST TRAIL.

AFTER CON-
SIDERING THE
SITUATION
AND TOPO-
GRAPHY WITH
THE TOWN
MAYOR...

8

I'M COUNTING
ON YOU,
EVERYONE.

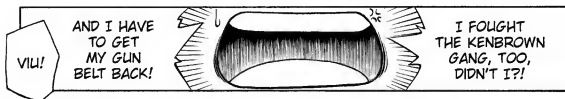
GROUP "A"
WILL TAKE
THE DAY
SHIFT.

GROUP "B"
WILL TAKE
THE NIGHT
SHIFT.

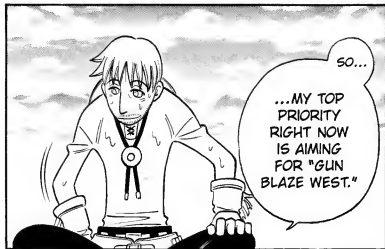
MARCUS
AND I WILL
APPREHEND
KENBROWN
AND HIS GANG
FOR SURE!

LEAVE
IT TO
ME!











BUT! WHEN YOU
ABSOLUTELY
HAVE TO FIGHT,
FIGHT ABSOLUTELY!
IF YOU RUN
AWAY THEN,
YOU'LL BE RUNNING
FROM YOUR
TOP PRIORITY!



MY TOP
PRIORITY
COMES FIRST!
WHEN I FIGHT,
I FIGHT
ABSOLUTELY!

I
GET
IT!



LET'S
SEE...

HM..



A
GOAL!

OK!

WELL THEN,
FRIEND,
LET'S SET
OURSELVES
A GOAL
TO LIVEN
THINGS UP!

GOT IT.
THERE!

SHOOOP

OF COURSE
IT IS.
YOU CAN'T
CALL IT
TRAINING
IF IT'S EASY
TO REACH.

WOW,
THAT'S
FAR!

SO...

THAT'LL BE
OUR "GOAL
FOR
A NEW
BEGINNING"!

THAT HIGH
ROCK
WHERE THE
SUN IS
SETTING!

TAP

HOW FAR
WE'VE RUN
EACH DAY.

...WE'LL
USE
A STONE
TO MARK

TAP

THE NEXT
DAY, JUST
A BIT
FARTHER
THAN THIS
STONE.

THE DAY
AFTER,
A BIT
FARTHER
THAN THAT
STONE.

TAP

IN THIS
WAY,
EVERY
DAY...



THE SCHOOL
BELL WILL BE
OUR
STARTING
SIGNAL.



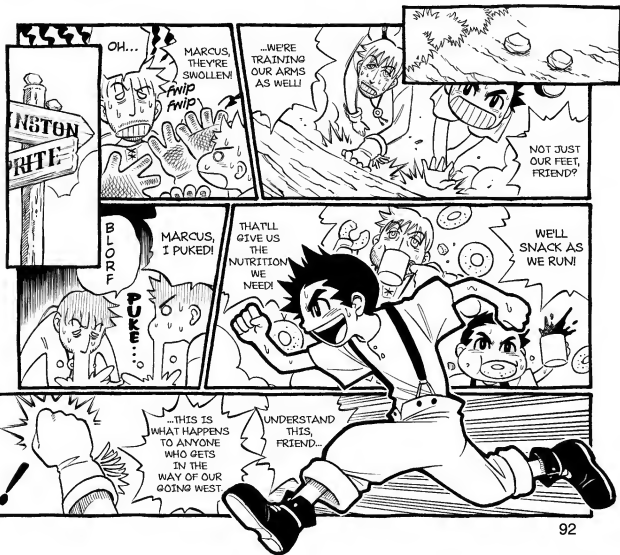
....AND
HEAD WEST
UNTIL THE
SUN SETS.

WE'LL RUN
ALONG
THIS
ROAD...



...AND IF IT
CAN MAKE TO
THAT HIGH ROCK
BEFORE THE
SUN SETS...

EVERY DAY,
EVERY DAY,
WE'LL AIM FOR
ONE STEP
FURTHER...



OH...

MARCUS,
THEY'RE
SWOLLEN!

FWIP
FWIP

...WE'RE
TRAINING
OUR ARMS
AS WELL!

NOT JUST
OUR FEET,
FRIEND?

BLOOT
AWE...

MARCUS,
I PUKED!

THAT'LL
GIVE US
THE
NUTRITION
WE NEED!

WE'LL
SNACK AS
WE RUN!

...THIS IS
WHAT HAPPENS
TO ANYONE
WHO GETS
IN THE
WAY OF OUR
GOING WEST.

UNDERSTAND
THIS,
FRIEND...

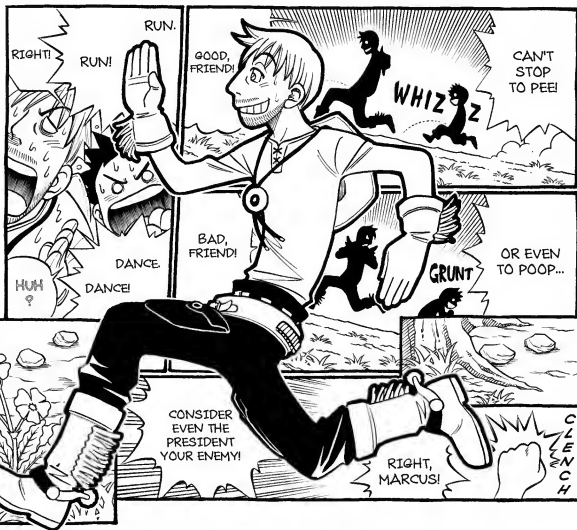


I'M AIMING
FOR GUN
BLAZE WEST!



WE'LL
SET OUT
TOGETHER!

I'M
AIMING FOR
THE WEST.



RIGHT!

RUN!

RUN.

GOOD,
FRIEND!

WHIZ Z

CAN'T
STOP
TO PEE!

DANCE.

DANCE!

HUH
?

BAD,
FRIEND!

OR EVEN
TO POOP...

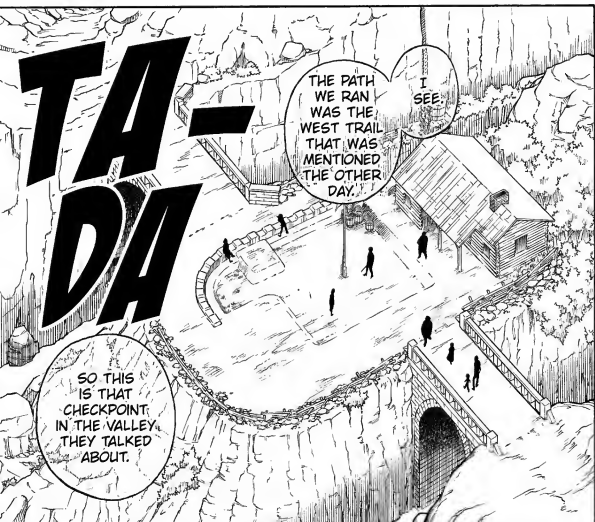
GRUNT

CONSIDER
EVEN THE
PRESIDENT
YOUR ENEMY!

RIGHT,
MARCUS!

C
L
E
N
C
H





THE PATH
WE RAN
WAS THE
WEST TRAIL
THAT WAS
MENTIONED
THE OTHER
DAY.

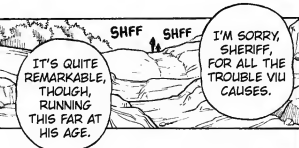
I
SEE

SO THIS
IS THAT
CHECKPOINT
IN THE VALLEY
THEY TALKED
ABOUT.

NOT
"WHAT".
IT'S DAN-
GEROUS
HERE.

WHAT
?!

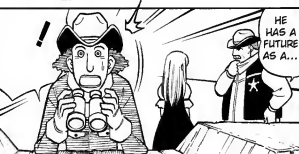
ANYWAY, ALL
TRAFFIC HAS BEEN
STOPPED BEYOND
THIS POINT. YOU
TWO SHOULD
HEAD BACK.



IT'S QUITE
REMARKABLE,
THOUGH,
RUNNING
THIS FAR AT
HIS AGE.

SHFF SHFF

I'M SORRY,
SHERIFF,
FOR ALL THE
TROUBLE VIL
CAUSES.



HE
HAS A
FUTURE
AS A...



LET'S
STOP
HERE
TODAY.

WE
HAVE
NO
CHOICE,
FRIEND.

...

ONCE
THEY'RE
HERE,
THEY'LL TAKE
CARE OF THE
VILLAINS
QUICKLY, AND
WE'LL BE
SAFE.

TODAY IS DAY
SEVEN. REIN-
FORCEMENTS
FROM
CHICAGO
WILL BE
ARRIVING
TOMORROW.

OKAY
?





THE
KEN-
BROWN
GANG!



KEEP
CALM.
HOLD
YOUR
POSTS!

THEY'RE
ALREADY
CLOSE ENOUGH
TO SEE OUR
FACES...

HUH?!

THEY'RE
SO
FAST!



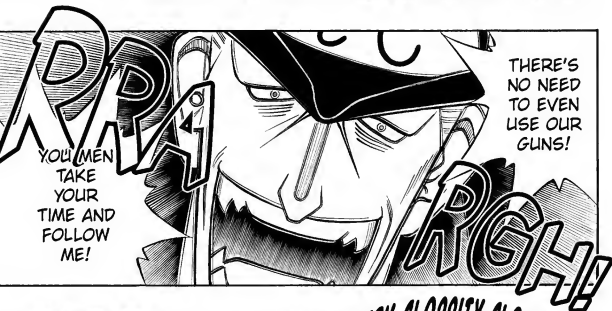
FWIP

R-RIGHT.

CISSY!
HIDE
INSIDE!

THEIR ONLY
WAY OVER TO
THIS SIDE IS
ACROSS THAT
BRIDGE!

KEEP THEM
IN SIGHT
AND AIM AT
THAT
BRIDGE!





I'M
GOING
BACK!



...I CAN
REACH
THE
GOAL!

TODAY,
I FEEL
LIKE...



I OVER-
TOOK YOU
FOR THE
FIRST
TIME.

HEY,
HEY.



I SEE.



I
WON'T
LET
YOU,
FRIEND.

YOU
CAN'T
GO ON
AHEAD
ALONE.



WE
PROMISED
WE'D BECOME
STRONGER
TOGETHER
AND START
ANew
TOGETHER,
DIDN'T WE?

THEN SHALL
WE TURN BACK
AND BUST
THROUGH THE
CHECKPOINT?

I'D
LOVE
TO SEE
CISSY ALL
HOT AND
BOTHERED!

YOU
MEAN IT?!
CISSY WILL
BE
FURIOUS
WITH YOU
LATER!

YEAH,
MARCUS!
TODAY, WE'RE
INVINCIBLE!

VEAL!

OKAY,
LET'S GO,
FRIEND!

GLARE

GUN-
SHOTS!

WHAT'S
THAT?!

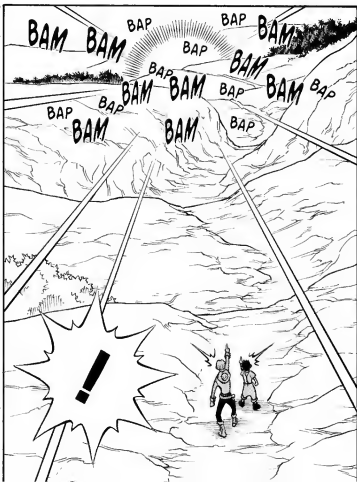
BANG BAP
BUT... BANG BAP
BANG BAP

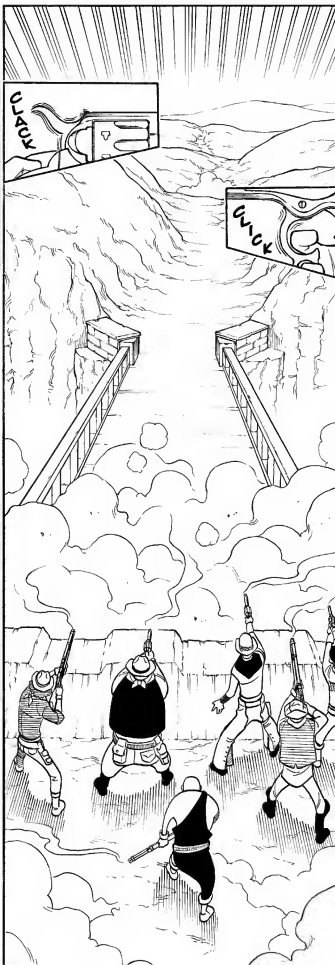
DID KEN-
BROWN
ARRIVE?

THAT'S THE
TYPICAL
SOUND
OF...

...AMATEUR
SHOOTERS.

...THAT'S
NOT
GOOD.







AND ON TOP
OF THAT, THEY
EVEN CREATED A
SMOKESCREEN
WITH THEIR
GUNSMOKE...

IN THEIR EXCITEMENT,
THEY SPENT ALL
THEIR AMMO AT ONCE
WITHOUT CONFIRMING
IF THEY HIT ANYTHING.

RANK
AMATEURS
TRYING TO
DEFEAT
ME...



NOT...
EVEN A
SCRATCH!

HE WAS
HIDING
BEHIND
HIS
HORSE...





HAA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA!





ARE YOU
AWAKE
NOW,
EH?!

HOW'S THAT?
DOESN'T THE
"FIRE BLITZ"
FEEL GOOD ON
YOUR SLEEPY
HEAD?



...HE KNOWS
HOW TO FIGHT
AND THINKS
EVERYTHING
THROUGH...

THE MAN
ISN'T
JUST
HEINOUS...



AWESOME!
THAT'S
BOSS FOR
YOU!

YEAH!

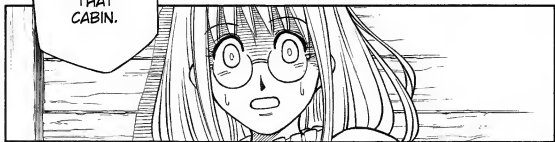
OH, HE
REALLY DID
HANDLE IT
WITHOUT
USING HIS
GUN...

THERE MIGHT
BE OTHERS
STILL HIDING
SOMEWHERE.

DON'T GET
CARRIED
AWAY,
MAGGOTS.



...IN
THAT
CABIN.



HURRY,
FRIEND! CISSY
AND THE
OTHERS ARE
IN DANGER!

HFF

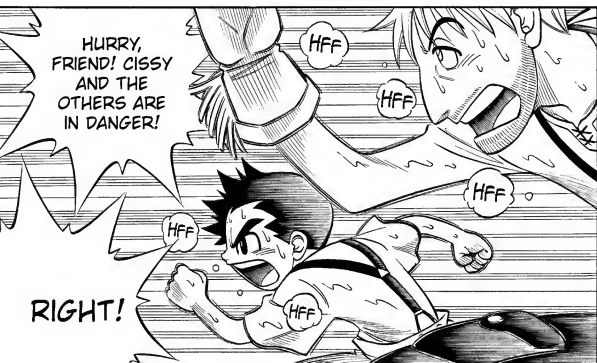
HFF

HFF

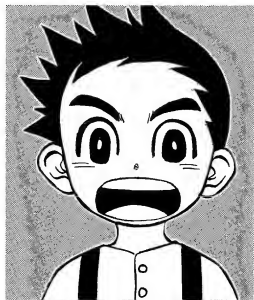
HFF

HFF

RIGHT!

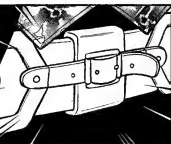


GUN BLAZE WEST

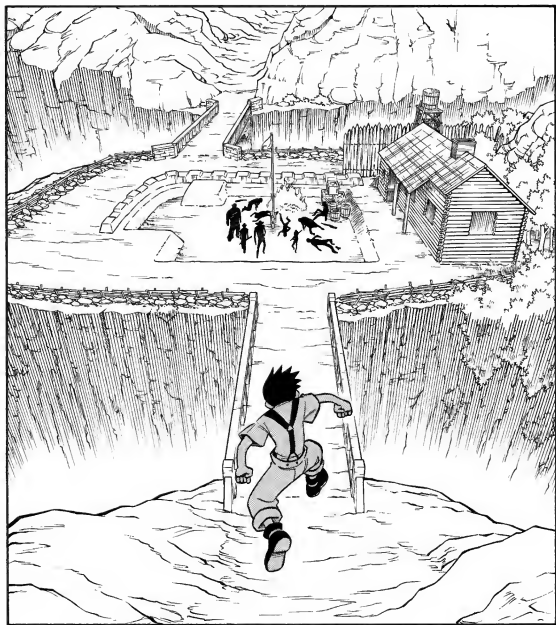




RARGH!

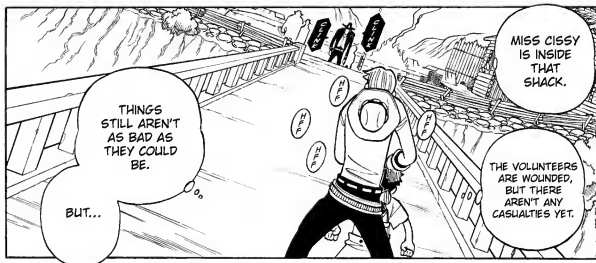
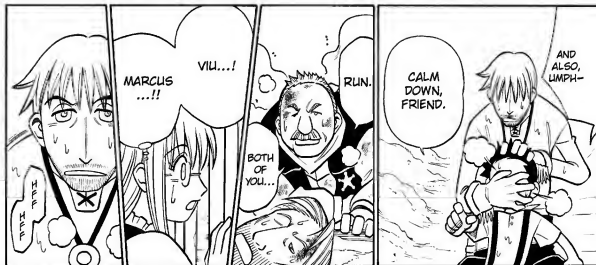


CHAPTER 4:
MARCUS FADES OUT



CHAPTER 4: MARCUS FADES OUT





I'M
GONNA
FIGHT!!

THEN...

...GIVE
ME THE
GUN!

NO.

REACH

"IF YOU
RUN AWAY,
THEN YOU'LL
BE RUNNING
FROM YOUR
TOP
PRIORITY"!!

YOU SAID
SO YOURSELF,
MARCUS!!
"WHEN YOU
ABSOLUTELY
HAVE TO FIGHT,
FIGHT ABSO-
LUTELY."

THAT'S
EXACTLY
RIGHT.

CLINK

PAP

CLINK

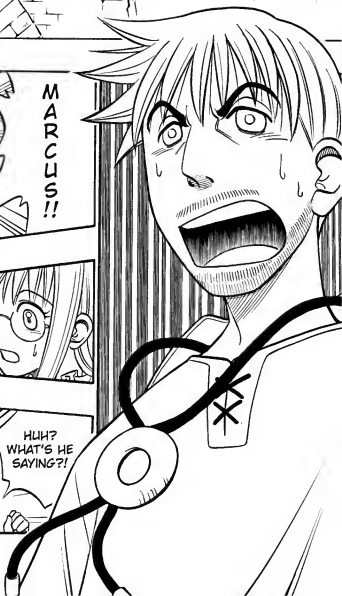
I DID
SAY THAT,
FRIEND.

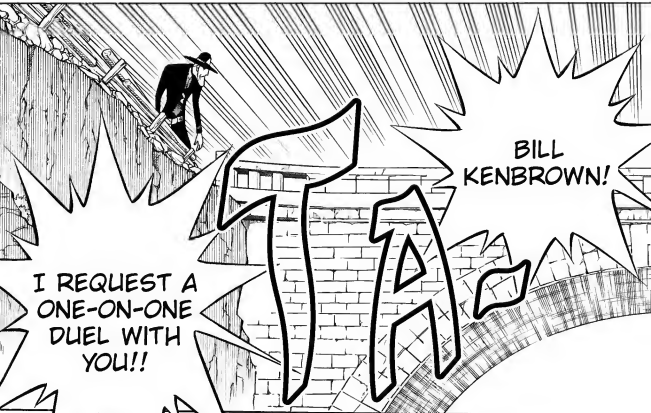
...I'M
GOING TO
DO THE
FIGHTING.

THAT'S
WHY...

MY NAME
IS MARCUS
HOMER!

DA





BILL
KENBROWN!

I REQUEST A
ONE-ON-ONE
DUEL WITH
YOU!!



THIS TIME,
I'LL KILL
BOTH OF
YOU
TURDS!

SHOOOOO...

WHO
ASKED YOU
TWO TO
SETTLE
THIS?



WELL, I'LL
ADMIT THAT
YOUR
DEATH IS
THE ONLY
WAY OUT...

DID YOU THINK
THAT EVEN IF
YOU DIED
TRYING TO KILL
THE BOSS THAT
THIS MIGHT
WORK OUT?



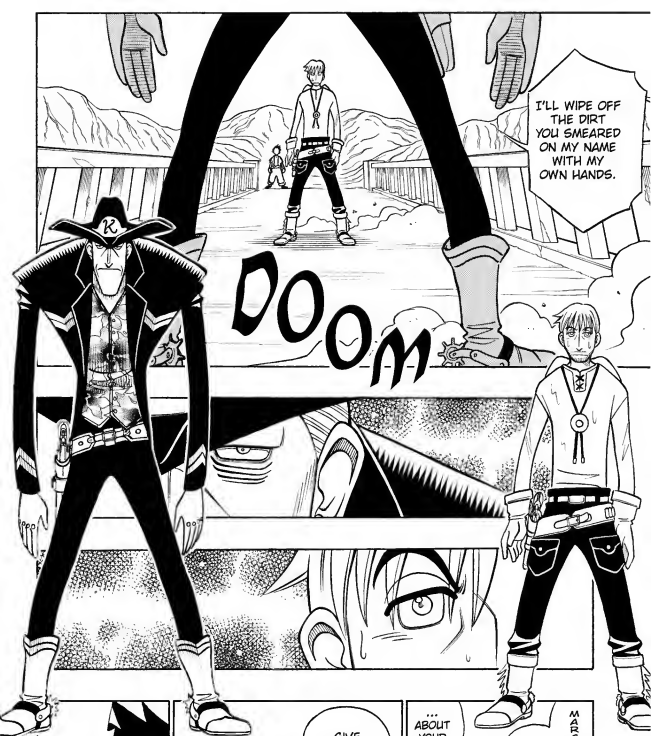
I
COULDN'T
ASK FOR
MORE.

OKAY.



?!

Doom



DOOM

I'LL WIPE OFF
THE DIRT
YOU SMEARED
ON MY NAME
WITH MY
OWN HANDS.



MARCUS!



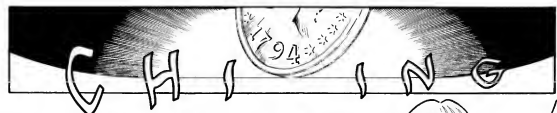
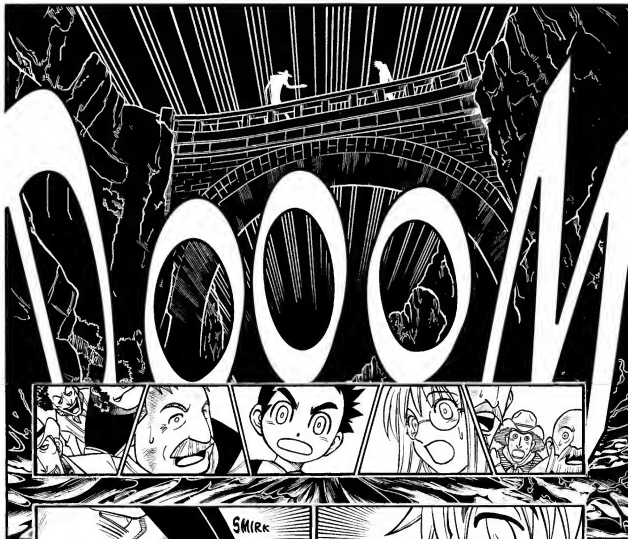
GIVE
THE
SIGNAL,
FRIEND.



...
ABOUT
YOUR
QUICK
DRAW
SKILLS?

ARE YOU
CONFIDENT...

MARCUS...





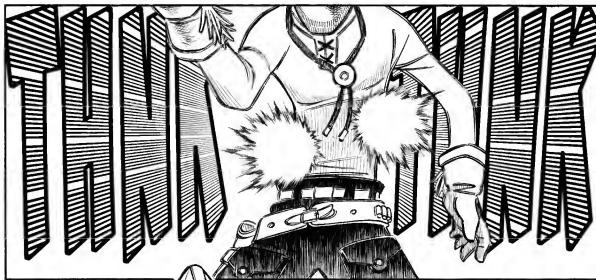


MARCUS
!!

TMP-TMP-TMP



HA HA!
YOU'RE
NEXT,
BRAT!!



PAP

LOOKS
LIKE THAT
WON'T BE
POSSIBLE...

SORRY,
FRIEND...

...AFTER WE
PROMISED
TO START
SHOOTING
PRACTICE
TOMORROW...



...A GUN...
YOU
WANTED
ONE,
RIGHT...?

AS A TOKEN
OF MY
APOLOGY...
I'M GIVING
THAT TO
YOU...



...THAT
WE'D
SET OUT
TOGETHER
...

DIDN'T
YOU
PROMISE
ME...

WHAT'RE
YOU
SAYING,
MARCUS?!

YOU'RE
PROBABLY
DISSATISFIED
WITH A
HAND-
ME-DOWN,
BUT...

...I
HOPE
YOU'LL
MAKE DO
WITH IT...

YOU
PROMISED
ME!!



THEN YOU
MUSTN'T
CRY OVER
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS.

WEREN'T
YOU GONNA
GET **REALLY**
STRONG?

DON'T
CRY...

YOU'RE
STRONG,
RIGHT?



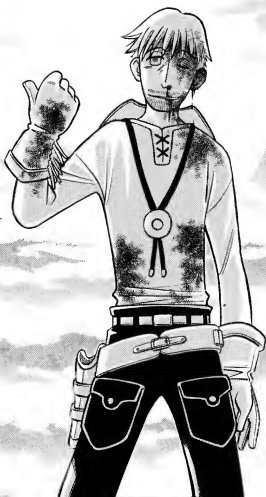
RRGH!

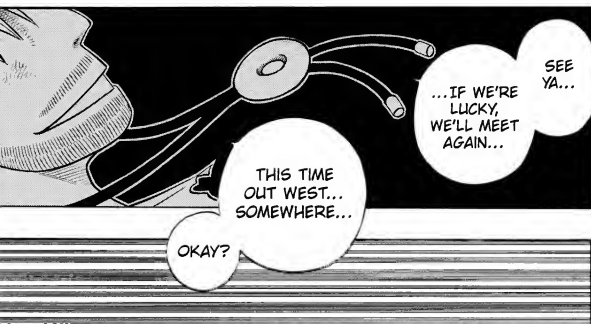
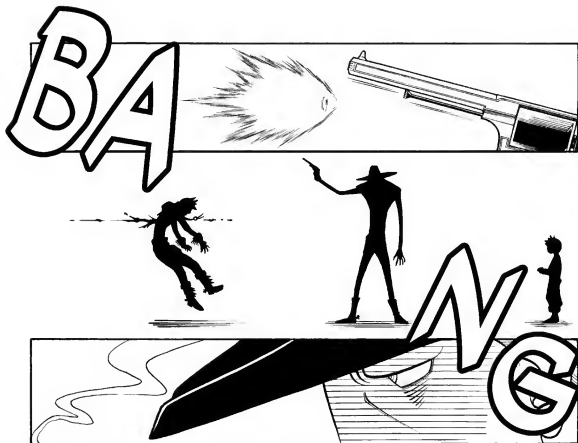


YOU MUST
FOLLOW
THAT
SUNSET...

...AND SET
OUT FOR
THE PLACE
WE DREAMT
OF!

OKAY,
FRIEND.







...YOU
"UNDERDOG."

GET
LOST...



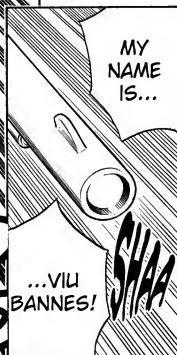
I
REQUEST
A ONE-
ON-ONE...



TURN
AROUND,
HORSE
FACE!!



HUH
?



MY
NAME
IS...

...VIL
BANNES!

...DUEL
WITH
YOU!!

GUNBLAZE WEST



MARCUS
!!

JUST
LIKE I
THOUGHT,
SHE WAS
HIDING IN
THE
SHACK...

SHFF
SHFF

CHAPTER 5:
VIU RISING



OR WE'LL
KILL YOU,
EVEN IF
IT COSTS US
OUR LIVES.

CLINK

YOU...!

WH-WHAT
THE-?!

THROW
DOWN YOUR
WEAPONS.

TSK.

THIS IS
WHY...

GLEAM

WE HAVE
TO DO
THE SAME!
RIGHT HERE!!

MARCUS
HOMER,
A STRANGER,
DID JUST
THAT...

CHAPTER 5

...IT'S REAL
HARD TO
CONTROL.

...BECAUSE
DESPERATION
IS
INFECTIOUS...

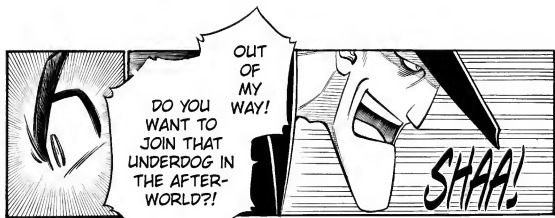
VIU RISING

DO

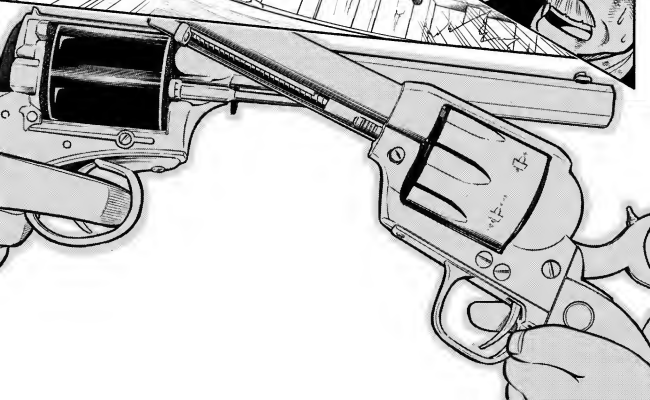
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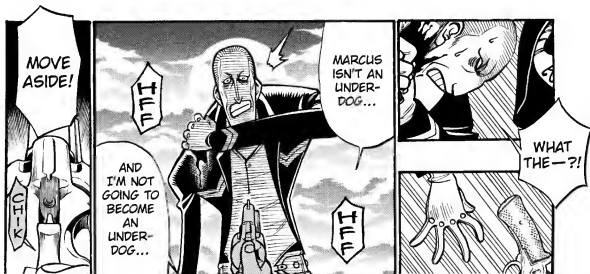
!!





I'M NOT BACKING DOWN!!





YOU'RE
STANDING
BETWEEN
ME AND
THE
SETTING
SUN!!

YOU'RE
IN MY
WAY!!

GYAAH!

АИ!

UGH!

OH!

6 W...

WAIT!

RRARGH!

RRAAGH!



THUNK

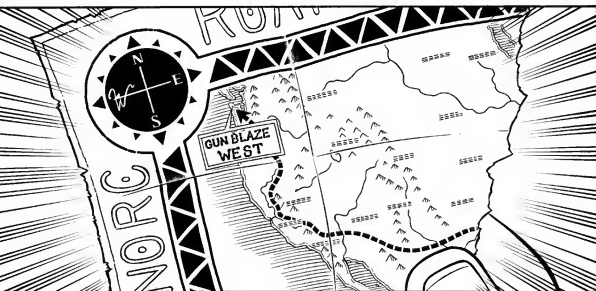
THAT'S
ENOUGH,
VIU! YOU'VE
WON!

VIU!



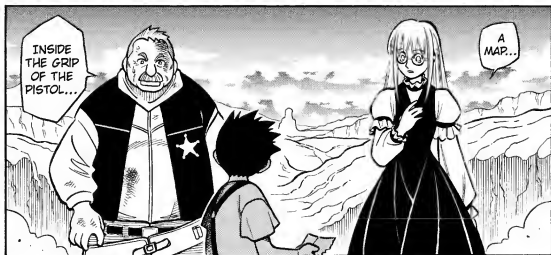
FLOP



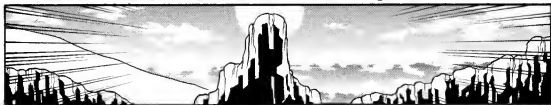


———— The map is my only clue to Gun Blaze West. ————

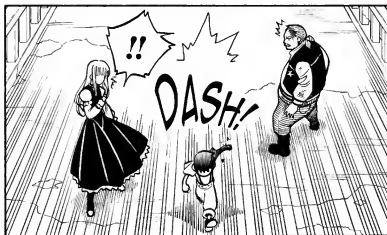




— If we can make it to that high rock
before the sun sets, we'll set out together. —



— We'll set out... together. —

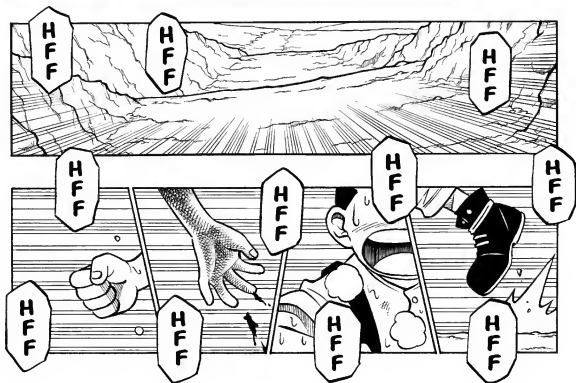


《 READ THIS WAY 》

VIU!!

WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING,
VIU?!

"Today, I feel like...
I can reach the goal."





READ
THIS
WAY



**NO!
NOT
YET!**

— Don't cry. —



**DON'T
SET
YET!**



**DON'T
SET!!**

— Aren't you strong? —

— Weren't you going
to become stronger? —



— Then you mustn't cry over something like this. —

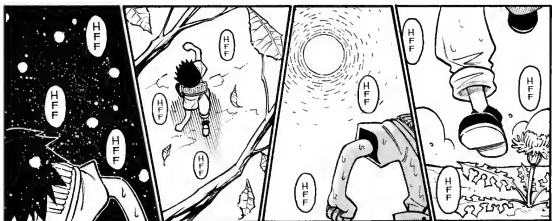
**DON'T
SET
!!**



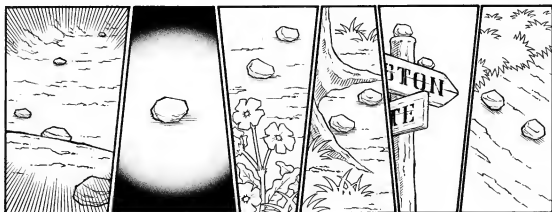
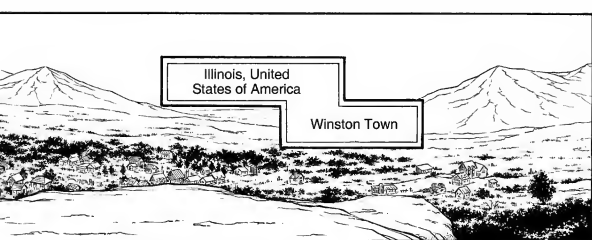




...Viu began his training alone.



Days and months go by and seasons pass
as our story moves to five years later.





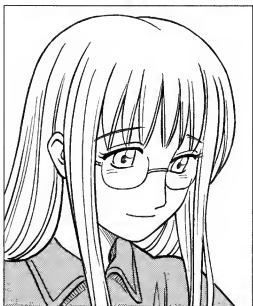
**Viu Bannes, at fourteen
years old, completes
his training!!**



I'M
HEADING
OUT!
TO GUN
BLAZE
WEST!!



GUNBLAZE WEST





...FOR
A
WHILE!!

WELL...

...I'LL
BE
HEADING

WINDY
VILLAGE

KA

A!

IT'S
NOT A
SIGHTSEEING
TRIP!

I WANT
SOME
CALIFORNIA
GOLD
JEWELRY.

TEXAS
BEEF
JERKY FOR ME.

BRING
BACK
A SOU-
VENIR!

GR

RR



YES. FROM
"THAT DAY"
FIVE YEARS
AGO...

...I KNEW VII
WOULD SET
OUT LIKE
THIS ON
A JOURNEY
ONE DAY.



ARE YOU
SURE
ABOUT
THIS,
CISSY?

BLAH
THEN
WHAT
ARE YOU
GOING
FOR?

WHAT?
THAT
SUCKS.

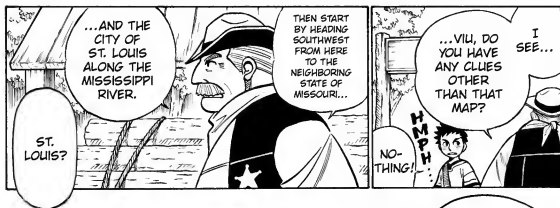
BLAH

I'VE GOT
IT—TREASURE
HUNTING!

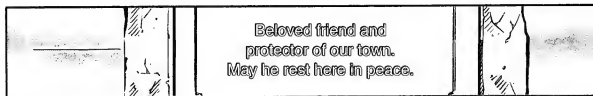
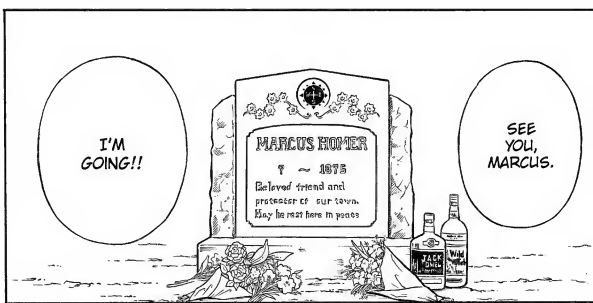
WHAT DO
YOU MEAN
"THAT
SUCKS"?

BLAH

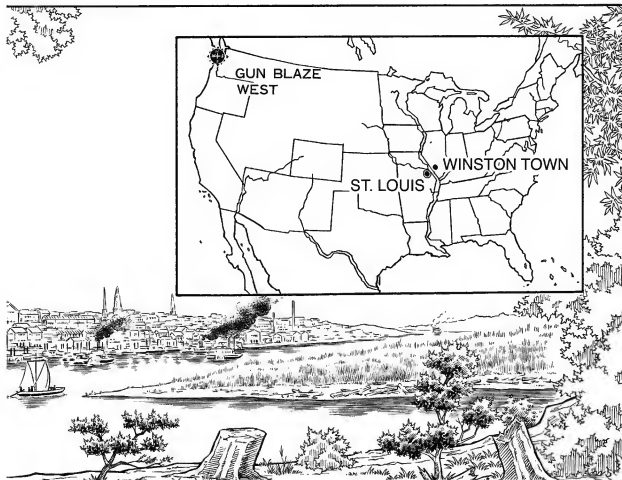
CHAPTER 6: THE TRIAL BEGINS







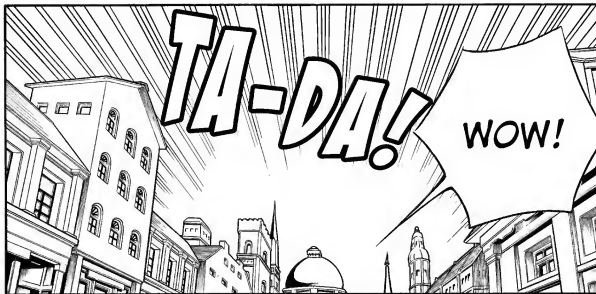
THE TRIAL BEGINS





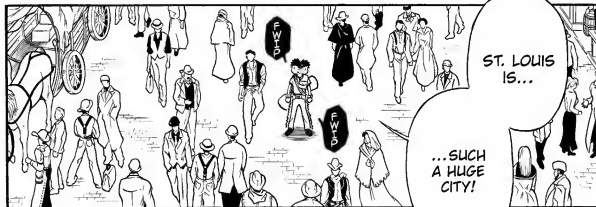
CHAPTER 6:





TA-DA!

WOW!



ST. LOUIS
IS...

...SUCH
A HUGE
CITY!



...I HAD NO
IDEA THERE
WERE SO
MANY
PEOPLE.



FIRST
I NEED
TO FIND
A SALOON
AND FILL
UP THIS
STOMACH!

OH WELL,
THIS IS
JUST THE
BEGINNING,
JUST THE
BEGINNING.

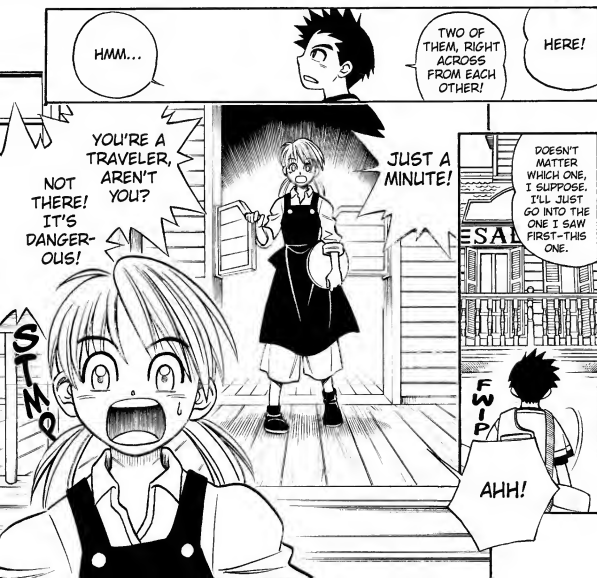
WELCOME



...BUT
SOMEHOW,
IT DOESN'T
SEEM TOO
MUCH LIKE
THE WEST.

I HEARD
IT WAS
"THE
GATEWAY
TO THE
WEST"...

HAM...





I DON'T LIKE
EITHER ONE.
I'LL FIND
ANOTHER
PLACE.

TMP TMP

UH...
WAIT!



IT AIN'T
SO! I'M
SINCERELY
WORRIED
ABOUT
YOU!

IS YOUR
JOB TO
PULL IN
CUSTOM-
ERS?
THEN
THIS
SALOON
MUST
BE A
RIP-OFF,
TOO.



THAT
SALOON
IS A
KNOWN
RIP-OFF
JOINT.

IF YOU WANT
A MEAL,
COME OVER
HERE.

TUG

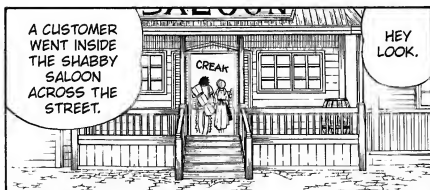


I'LL
ABSOLUTELY
GUARANTEE
THE FLAVOR
OF OUR
FOOD!

WE'RE HAVING
TROUBLE
BECAUSE
WE'VE LOST
CUSTOMERS
TO THAT
SALOON.



BECAUSE
IT'S THE
BEST IN
ST. LOUIS!!



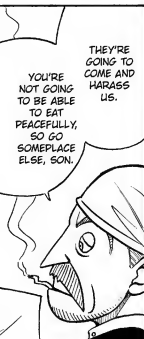
A CUSTOMER
WENT INSIDE
THE SHABBY
SALOON
ACROSS THE
STREET.

HEY
LOOK.



GO AND
WAKE UP
KEVIN!!

TIME TO
GET
TO
WORK!



THEY'RE GOING TO COME AND HARASS US.

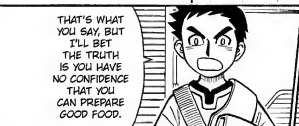
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO EAT PEACEFULLY, SO GO SOMEPLACE ELSE, SON.



GO BACK.



THE PLACE IS REALLY EMPTY, HUH?



THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY, BUT I'LL BET THE TRUTH IS YOU HAVE NO CONFIDENCE THAT YOU CAN PREPARE GOOD FOOD.



WAIT, BOSS! THIS PERSON CHOSE TO COME HERE.



SHOOO



SHOOO



IF THE TASTE SUCKS AFTER ALL THAT...

...I'LL TEAR UP THE JOINT.



OKAY, WAIT RIGHT THERE.

I'LL FEED YOU THE BEST FOOD IN ST. LOUIS!

CLANG CLANG!

SO NAIVE.



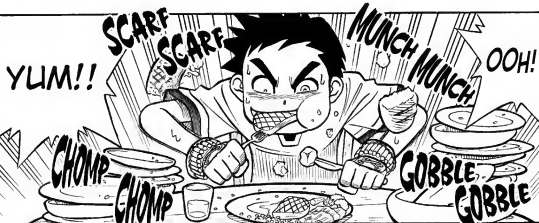
SHUT UP, OLD FART!

MAKE SOMETHING GOOD IF YOU THINK YOU CAN.

WHAT'D YOU SAY, BRAT?!

I'M
CAROL.

I
HAVEN'T
INTRODUCED
MYSELF
YET.



NO!

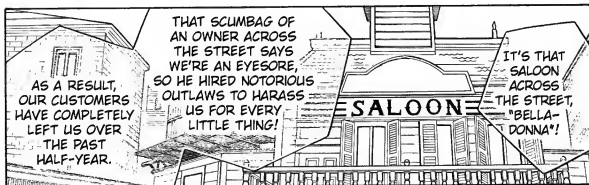
IT MUST BE
BECAUSE
YOU'RE
SUCH
A WEIRD
CHARACTER,
BOSS.

BUT IF THE
FOOD'S THIS
GOOD AND
YOUR PLACE
STILL ISN'T
POPULAR,

SO YOU
ADMIT
THAT IT'S
AMAZING?

UH-
HUH

BFOSS
(BOSS),
THIS IS
TOPS!

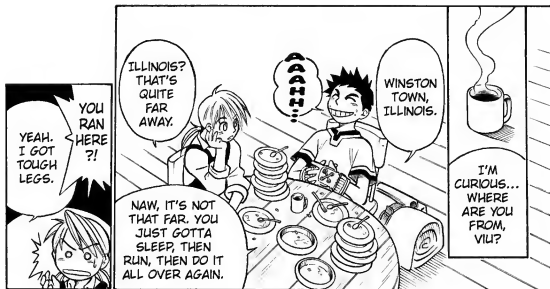


LATELY, DECENT
LOCAL FOLK WON'T
COME NEAR, SO NOW
THOSE GUYS PREY
UPON THE TRAVELERS
GOING TO AND
FROM THE WEST.

SINCE THAT
SALOON WAS BUILT,
THE STREET HAS
GOTTEN PRETTY
DANGEROUS.

THEY
RIP OFF
THEIR
CUSTOM-
ERS,
BRAWL-
ANYTHING
THEY
WANT.

CHEW





NO WAY,
NO WAY!
YOU'LL
NEVER GET
THERE!!

"IT'D BE NICE IF
THE TWO OF
YOU COULD
BOTH GET
THERE."



"TARGET KEVIN"...!

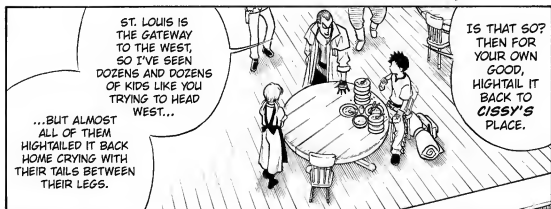
WHAT?! YOU AGAIN! HERE TO HARASS US, ARE YOU?!

WE'RE
NOT
HERE TO
HARASS
YOU.

WE THOUGHT
WE'D JUST
ADVISE HIM NOT
TO GO TELLING
FOLK THAT THE
FOOD HERE IS DE-
LICIOUS.

WE
HEARD A
CUSTOMER
CAME IN
HERE.

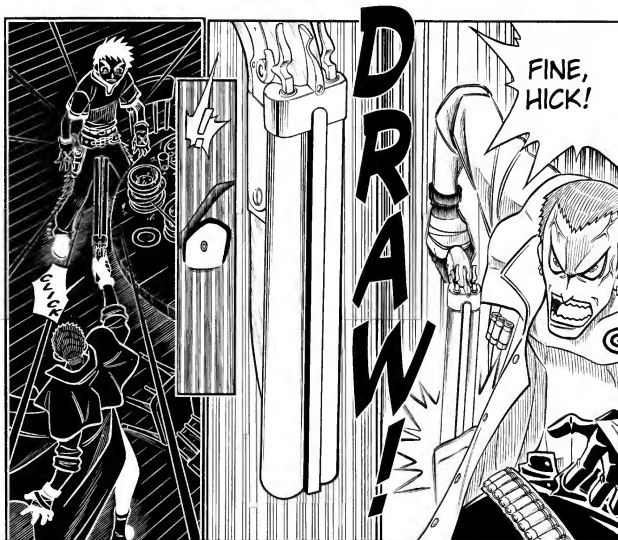
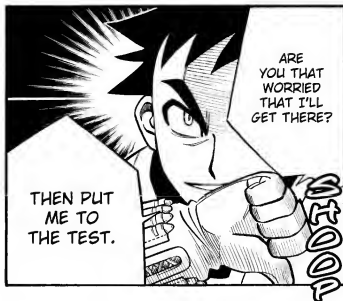


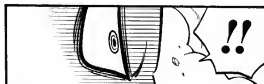


YOUR TOUGH GUY ACT DOESN'T PLAY HERE—SAVE THAT FOR YOUR HICK HOMETOWN!!

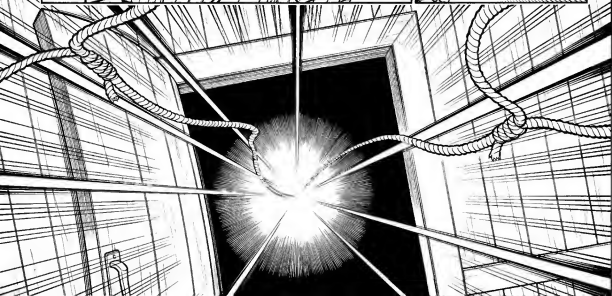
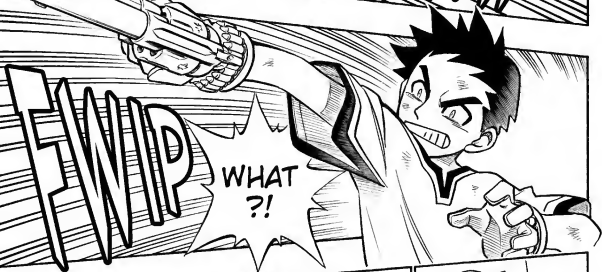
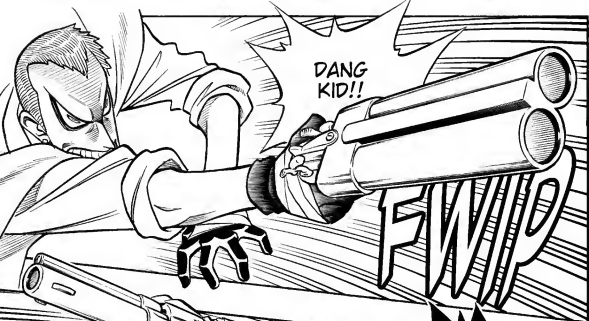
KIDS WHO MISTAKENLY THINK THEY'RE STRONG CAN'T GO WEST!

IF YOU DON'T, YOU'LL JOIN THE UNDERDOGS.











!!

?!



BIG
BROTHER
WILL!

SO...
YOU
SHOWED
UP...

PAP...

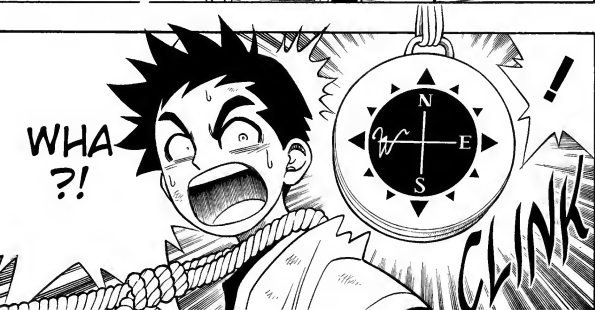
CUSTOMERS,
PLEASE
BEHAVE
IN THE
SALOON...

...YOU'RE
INTERRUPTING
MY READING.

BOUNCER
WILL
JOHNSTON!!



WHA
?!

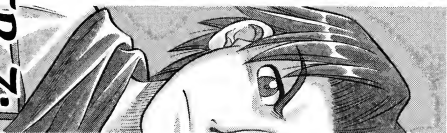


GUNBLAZE WEST

CHARACTER INTRODUCTIONS
AND EXTRAS WILL BE
INCLUDED AS OF VOLUME 2.

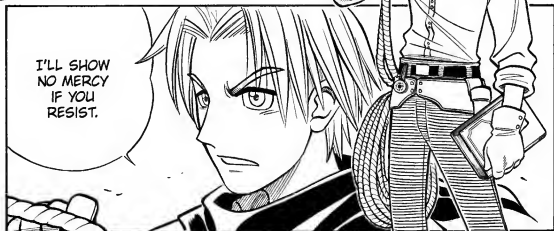
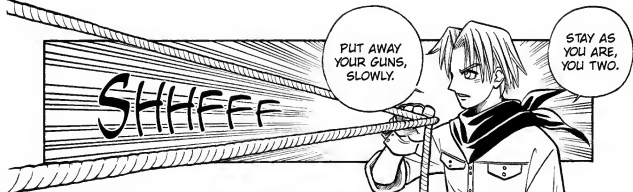
SORRY.





WILL JOHNSTON

CHAPTER 7:





BUT THE
STRONGEST
PERSON IN
ST. LOUIS
IS ME!

I HAD
HEARD TALK
ABOUT YOU,
BUT I SEE
YOU DO INDEED
HAVE GOOD
SKILLS.

I'VE BEEN
LOOKING
FORWARD
TO MEETING
YOU, LASSO
GUY.

CLINK



"TARGET
KEVIN"!!



IF YOU
WANT
TO FIGHT,
LET'S GO
OUTSIDE.

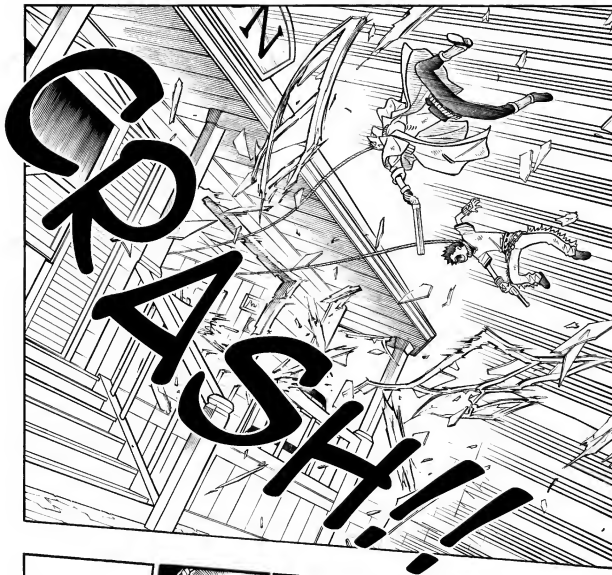


UHHH!

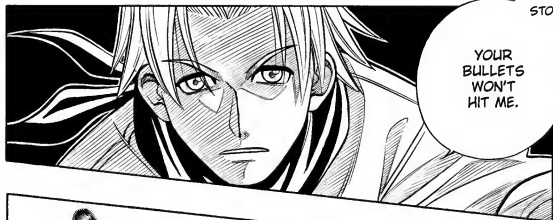
YANK

WHA
?!

YANK!!







STOP IT.

YOUR
BULLETS
WON'T
HIT ME.



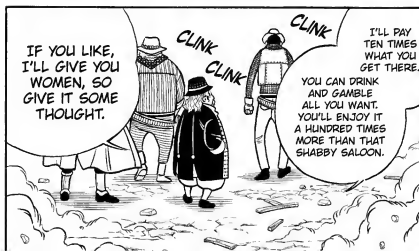
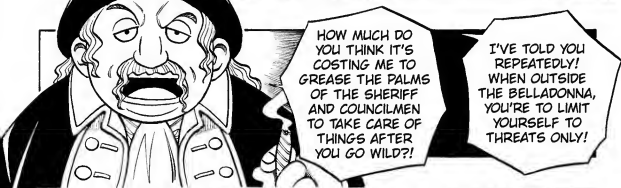
I GOT
PLENTY OF
BULLETS
LEFT.

DON'T TALK
BIG JUST
BECAUSE
YOU DODGED
THEM ONCE!

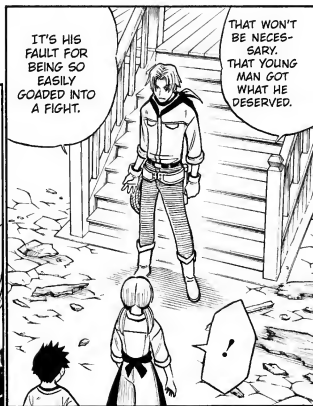


KEEP
DODGING...
IF YOU
CAN!









◀ READ
THIS WAY ▶





...BUT WHEN
YOU SAW THIS,
YOU REACTED
JUST LIKE ME.

I THOUGHT
HE WAS NOTHING
BUT A STOIC,
BORING DUDE...



AWESOME!
A HOUSE
BUILT OF
SOD!

Outskirts of St. Louis



BROTHER,
STOP THAT.

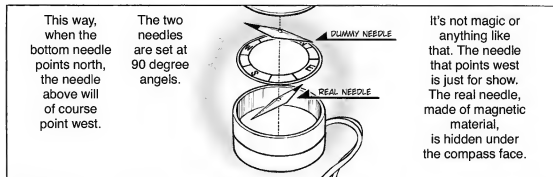
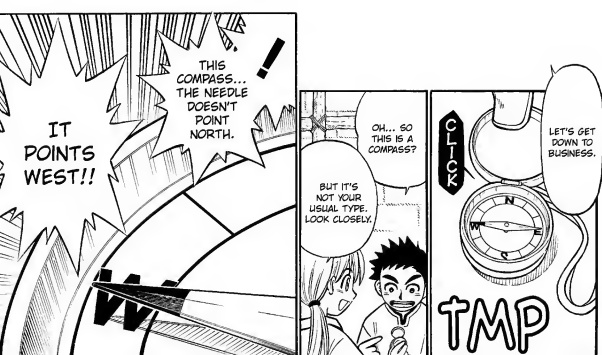
THESE DAYS,
IT'S JUST
A PAUPER'S
HOUSE THAT
KEEPS THE
RAIN AWAY.

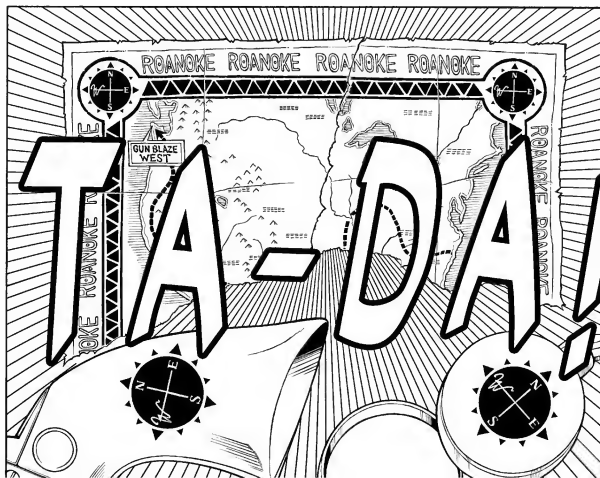
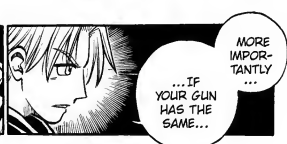
BUT IT'S
AWESOME!
WAY TO GO
PIONEERS!!

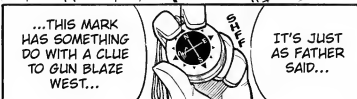
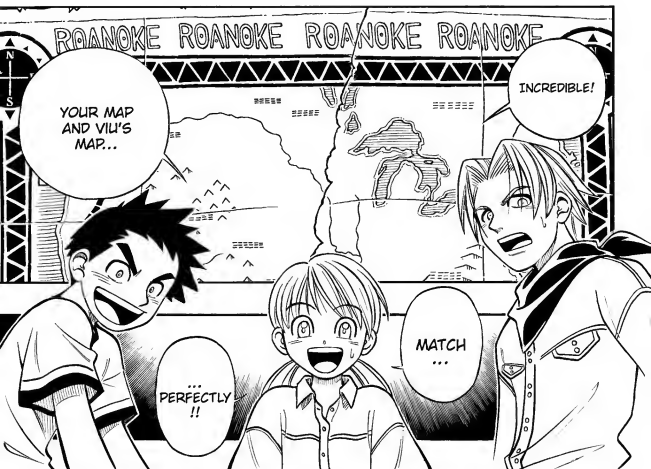


IT'S A HOUSE
CONCEIVED BY
THE OLD PIONEERS
OF THE GREAT
PLAINS WHERE
MATERIALS WERE
IN SHORT SUPPLY.

THIS IS
CALLED A
GRASS
HOUSE.







"Yes. Something that strongly captivates men's hearts...

As it is passed down between people, it takes on the form of their expectations and hopes, eventually turning into legend."

"Truth?"

"Understand, Will, there is always some truth behind what we call legend."



"I'm going ...!"

"No... I think it'll be too much for you, Carol."

"Ah! I'm going, too!"

"Can I?"

"Will, will you come search with me when you grow up—for Gun Blaze West?"

...BELIEVING THAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN A KIND OF COLISEUM OF THE ANCIENT NATIVES.



BASED ON THE LEGEND THAT SAID "ONLY THE STRONG ARE ALLOWED TO SET FOOT IN GUN BLAZE WEST," FATHER CONDUCTED RESEARCH...

DON'T GO ON ABOUT SUCH UNNECESSARY THINGS.



CAROL.

BROTHER CARRIED ON THE RESEARCH IN THE HOPES THAT ONE DAY, WITHOUT FAIL, HE WOULD...

...YOUR GOAL IS ALSO TO HEAD WEST FOR GUN BLAZE WEST.



I SEE...







GOOD
...

...EVENING
!!



KRAK KRAK KRAK
KRAK KRAK KRAK

I CAME TO
CONTINUE
WHAT WE
STARTED
EARLIER, WILL
JOHNSTON!!

ROOAAARR...

DO OM!!

COME OUT
AND FIGHT
ME, OR
REFUSE AND
BURN TO
DEATH.

COME ON,
MAKE
A CHOICE!

RRROARR!!

To be continued...

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